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Iran ratifies pacts with Russia, China

NICOSIA (R) — Iran's parliament ratified separate agreements with Russia and China on nnclear cooperation for peaceful purposes on Tuesday, Tehran Radio said. It gave no details of the agreements which apparently deal with Iranian purchasing of nuclear power stations from Moscow and Beijing. China said in February it had agreed to sell Iran two 300-megawatt reactors. Iran's atomic energy chief Reza Amrollahi said in September that Tehran was also discussing the purchase of two 440-megawatt reactors from Russia.

Hekmatyar steps up war of words

CHARASAYAB, Afghanistan (AP) - Printe Minister-designate Gulbuddio Hekmatyar stepped up his war of words with the Islamic government Tuesday, warning it had one last chance to make peace. Mr. Hekmatyar remained steadfast in his demand that President Burhamuddio Rabbani's cabinet be dissolved and replaced with his. Mr. Rabbani has refused to accept Mr. Hekmatyar's proposed cabinet members. "War will be imposed if the illegal government in Kabul isn't replaced," Mr. Hckmatyar said in an interview at his heavily fortified headquarters 20 kilometres south of Kabul. Earlier this month, Mr Hekmatyar announced that he was dismissing Mr. Rabban's cabinet, formed by Afghanistan's rival leaders a year ago to replace the former communist regime after it collapsed. But Mr. Rabbani reversed the order, saying the prime minister-designate had overstepped his authority. Mr. Rabbani and Mr. Hekmatyar have bickered for weeks over the makeup of the new cabinet. part of a Pakistan-brokered peace and power-sharing agreement between them and six other rival chiefs. But they remain deadlocked over which faction will get the defence Ministry.

Najibullah wants to leave U.N. refuge, page 2



Massive manhunt in southern Egypt

ASSIUT. Egypt (AP) — Muslim extremists claimed responsibility Tuesday for the assassination of a police major general and threatened more killings as 5,000 policemen arrived to help search for the killers. A member of Al Gamas Al Islamiya. (Islamic Group) telephoned a reporter and said Sunday's attack was to avenge the death of a militant leader shot the said Sunday's attack was to avenge the death of a militant leaders hot and said Sunday's attack was to average the death of a militant leader shol by police this month. "We will revenge the deaths of other leaders by targetting other senior security officers," the Al Gamaa member said. "We will continue our attacks against the state's terrorism against the Al Gamaa Al Islamiya." He claimed police are carrying out orders from Western countries to anoihilate the militants. The caller specified Major General Abdul Wahah Al Hilali, Assiut's Gen. Hilali's deputy, Maj. Gen. Mohammad Al Sheimv. was a victim of Sudan's machine-gun attack by Mohammad Al Sheimy, was a victim of Sudan's machine-gun attack by extremists that also killed his bodyguard and his driver. Since then, more than 1,000 police have search continuously in Assiui, 300 kilometres south of Cairo, and surrounding villages. On Tuesday, police arrested six suspected Muslim extremists at a mosque in Abu Tig, the village where the assassination occurred 20 kilometres south of Assiut and said they

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Assad: Syria working for Mideast peace

DAMASCUS (R) — President Hafez Al Assad has said Syria is working to push the stalled Middle East peace process to a "suc-cessful end." Mr. Assad, speaking at a banquet on Monday night for visiting Romanian President Ion Iliescu, blamed Israel for the lack of progress in previous rounds of talks. Contacts were now underway to push the pro-cess forward, be said. Syria, which paved the way for the peace process, will exert every suitable effort to advance this process and make it reach a successful end," Mr. Assad said in remarks published in official newspapers Tuesday.

Iliescu visits Beirut

BEIRUT (AP) — Romanian President Ion Iliescu flew in from neighbouring Syria Tuesday for a six-hoor visit. It was believed the first ever to Lebanon by a Romanian head of state. He went immediately to the presidential residence for a meeting with his Lebanese counterpart, Elias Hrawi. Lebanese sources said the two would discuss bilateral relations and the Arab-Israeli peace talks. Mr. Iliescu was also to meet with Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri before returning to Bucharest.

Bush due in **Kuwait today**

KUWAIT (AP) - Kuwaitis have prepared an extravagent welcome for former U.S. President George Bush, but will be a day late in receiving it. The Kuwait Airways jet carrying Bush and his family to Kuwait made an emergency landing Monday at Houston International Airport because of wing damage, an airport spokeswoman said. No injuries were reported, and the Bushes returned to their Houston bome without incident. They were to fly again to the emirate Tnesday morning on a new plane, said man. The government-run Kuwait News Agency carried a statement issued by the office of the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, announcing that Mr. Bush's jet experience mechanical

problems. It said Kuwait was

'making arrangements for

Iran declares rial convertible

another plane."

NICOSIA (R) - Iran declared the rial fully convertible Tuesday, saying state banks would meet all needs for foreign exchange. Centrai Bank Governor Mohammad Hossein Adeli said on Iranian Television the decision was made by a special committee on foreign currency headed by President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. Rial, the national currency, is declared convertible and all those who need foreign currency can refer to the hanking system for their various needs," he said.

Sudan plans to allow private dailles

KHARTOUM (AP) - The government is preparing a law to allow private companies but not individuals to publish newspapers and magazines, a Sudanese minister says. Since coming to power in a military coup June 30, 1989, the government has maintained a monopoly on the news business with three official newspapers and official radio, television and the Sudan News Agency. It banned a multitude of newspapers and magazines when it overthrew a democratic but chaotic civilian regime but has been promising a new publications law ever since.

3 Israeli soldiers killed in Lebanon

(Agencies) — Three Israeli sol- tanks and artillery, reports said. diers were killed Tuesday by a roadside bomh in South Lebaoon, and Israeli helicopters retali-ated by rocketing Lebanese vil-

Two Israeli soldiers were wounded in the hlast, according to security sources in South Leba-

The hostilities started about 11:30 a.m. (0830 GMT) when a remote-controlled roadside bomh exploded on a road between the villages of Qantara and Taibeh.

The two villages are west of the Good Fence Gateway leading from the Israeli border town of Metulla into the Jewish state's self-styled "security zone" in

South Lehanon. The sources said five Lebanese villagers were wounded in a retaliatory air strike on the village of Ghandouriyeb, four Israeli Cobra gunships participated, they

Half an honr later, four Cobras fired two rockets on Majdal Selim and one on Shakra. There were no immediate reports of casual-

These were the 10th and 11th Israeli air strikes in Lebanon this

Tnesday's ambusb was the bloodiest attack on Israeli forces in Lebanon since five Israeli soldiers were killed by a bomb last October.

dle East peace talks moved to-

wards a climax Tuesday. Egyptian President Hosni

Mubarak met Palestinian leader

Yasser Arafat to prepare for an

Egypt-Israel summit Wednesday

and a Palestinian delegation

headed for Washington for last-

minute contacts with the United

"I am optimistic and I think

that talks will resume on 20th

April," Egyptian Foreign Minis-

ter Amr Musa told reporters after

taking part in the Muharak-

All the signs are that agree-

ment is close on a package of

promises and confidence-building

measures that would persuade

the Palestinians to resume the

talks, suspended in December

after Israel expelled 415 Palesti-

nians accused of backing violent

Palestinians have been deman-

ding an end to expulsions, an improved offer of self-rule in the

occupied West Bank and Gaza

Strip and easing of Israeli occupa-

tion restrictions before they will

agree to go to the talks in Washington.

In Damascus, Palestinian

groups opposed to the peace pro-

cess appealed Tuesday for people

in the occupied West Bank and

Gaza Strip to protest outside the

homes of Palestinian negotiators

on April 15-16 to force them to

Diplomats bad expected Mr.

Arafat to tell Mr. Mubarak what

final changes he wanted in the

Mr. Mubarak will then hear

from Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

abandon the talks.

package of promises.

Arafat meeting.

Islamic groups.

The casualties were evacuated by helicopter under cover of

bomb, destroying an Israeli Mer-kava tank and killing or wounding its crew.

The communique said it was to mark the 13th anniversary of the martyrdom of Imam Moham-

The Islamic resistance, military

arm of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah,

said its guerrillas detonated the

mad Bakr Al Sadr." Sheikh Sadr was spiritual head the Shiite community in Iraq. He was executed by the Iraqi

government in April 1980. Hostilities were reported late Monday around the tent camp where 396 Palestinians have been sheltering since they were expelled by Israel to Lebanon on Dec.

Security sources said Israeli soldiers manning the Zommaraya crossing on the northern edge of the "security zone" opened fire with 50-caliber machine guns in the direction of the expellees tent

Several hullets landed less than a metre from the exiles' green tents. Other rounds hit the camp's main road as a group of expellees was strolling, according to the sources

The (Israeli) enemy is trying to silence us by firing direct volleys here on our camp," said Abdul Aziz Rantisi, a Gaza physician who speaks for the expellees.

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decision in Damascus Friday.

the talks - Syria, Lebanon and

Jordan - want to resume but do

not want to go without the

Palestinians. The PLO is official-

ly excluded from the peace pro-

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dinator of the Palestinian nego-

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Return of a number of Palesti-

nians expelled since Israel seized

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Israel has offered about 50 peo-

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Setting a "target date" for the

Mr. Arafat's delegation on

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The other Arabs involved in

Lebanon: No Syrian pullout, page

Arafat, Mubarak meet

CAIRO (Agencies) - Hard har- zhak Rabin Wednesday how far

gaining over resumption of Mid- he will go to meet the Palestinian

ahead of Rabin talks

U.S. reaffirms its commitment in talks with Jordanian delegation By Ayman Al Safadi would be taken in consultation Wednesday. Jordan Times Staff Reporter with other Arah parties to the negotiations.

His Majesty King Hussein with British Prime Minister John Major in London Tuesday (AFP

AMMAN — The United States Tuesday reiterated its commitment to play the role of a full partner in the Arab-Israeli peace process, explaining that such a role means being an intermediate and a facilitator to bridge gaps between Arab and Israeli parties to the peace talks, Jordanian ambassador to the U.S. said after three hours of talks with American officials.

Dr. Fares Ai Tarawneh said that State perment officials anticipated and stressed the need to achieve progress this year in the talks, which have been halted since December when Israel expelled 415 Palestinians to southother Arabs will take a final ern Lebanon. During the three-hour meet-

ing, which was beld at the invitathe ninth round of the peace talks with State Department officials

"Our decision will be part of the Arab decision," Dr. Tarawneb told the Jordan Times in a telephone interview Tuesday evening. Foreign ministers of the Arah

parties to the talks are scheduled to hold a coordination meeting in Damascus Friday after Washington talks between U.S. and Syrian, Palestinian and Lebanese delegations.

The Cabinet announced Tuesday that Jordan's delegation to the Damascus parley will be headed by Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber and will include chief negotiator Abdul Salam Al Majali and Jordanian Ambassador to Syria Nayef Ai

Syrian-American talks were tion of the United States, Jordan scheduled to take place Tuesday, reiterated its position that its while the Palestinians and decision on whether to return to Lebanese are expected to meet

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said a similar meeting between Israel and the U.S. was expected early next

The Palestinian delegation left for Washington Tuesday (see story below).

Dr. Tarawneh said that during the meeting Jordan also reiterated its insistence that any solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict should be comprehensive and progress should be achieved on all tracks of the negotiations.

Without going into details, Dr. Tarawneh said the two sides also discussed difficulties facing the resumption of the negotiations and means of overcoming them as well as issues concerning the Jordanian-Israeli track of the negotiations.

The Jordanian side to the meeting, which Dr. Tarawneh described "positive," included

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Palestinians head for Washington

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

One of Israel's biggest gestures to tempt the Palestinians back to AMMAN - A Palestinian delegation headed by the chief April 20.
negotiator to the bilateral talks
with Israel Dr. Haidar Abdul age between the talks has been a signal that Mr. Husseini can join the talks. Shafi, beaded for Washington This ends a blank refusal to Tuesday for a final round of negotiate directly with Arabs Hints and leaks from Israel, the officials at the U.S. State Depart-United States and the Palesti-

Talks between officials at the State Department and the track. Palestinian delegation, which is composed of Dr. Ahdul Shafi, Dr. Suad Al Amari, Ghassan Al Khatib and Nabil Kassis, will centre around the finalisation of both public statements to be on a table of contents in the

return of the December exiles. Israeli-Palestinian track of the The Palestinians want June but might compromise on August. expected to be made before Mr. Rabin is expected to bring his position on Wednesday.

A commitment that expolsions round nine of the talks convene in Washington on April 20. are not Israeli policy, except for According to Amman-based

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials, the Palesti-

nians are waiting for two key ak in Ismailich Wednesday. statements from the Israelis in The Israelis, PLO officials say, announcements which are expected to be made public before

A concrete reference to a linkage between the interim and final stages of a Palestinian-Israeli peace settlement based on U.N. pre-April 20 talks with senior Resolution 242 is expected. This reference is expected to open the way for a draft agenda in the Palestinian-Israeli negotiating

Previously the Israelis had said that they do not see Resolution 242 as a reference point for all stages of the negotiations.

The second point that the Israelis are expected to stress in made before the resumption of the pre-talks announcement is a the talks and further agreements rennnciation of the use of expulsion as a measure to pumsh Palestinians, PLO officials said. But the exact phrasing of the Key gestures by the Israelis are Israeli "renunciation" was still being worked out as Arab delegations met with State Department officials in Washington and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin prepares for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubar-

want to use a terminology which will not rule out the use of expulsion as a measure in cases of "state security." The Palestinians are pushing for a total commitment not to use expulsions under

"any circumstance."
The final phrasing of the Israeli statement may state that the Israelis will refrain from expelling any more Palestinians as long as the peace talks are being con-

The acceptance of East Jerusalemite Faisal Husseini and other Arabs from East Jerusalem is also expected to be in the "package" of Israeli statements.

As part of a compromise to resume the peace talks, which were indefinitely stalled by the Israeli expulsion of over 400 Palestinians to southern Lehanon in December, exiled Palestinians are tipped to be allowed to re-Some 150 of those Palestinians

still in southern Lebanon as well (Continued on page 5)

Kuwaiti comments seen as indirect pressure on Jordan Tuesday hit back at Kuwait (see bave been in vain in the face of

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordanian officials expressed surprise Tuesday over Kuwaiti comments that the emirate and Saudi Arabia were not yet ready to normalise relations with Jordan and said it could be

Kingdom.
"We cannot really understand the reasoning of the Kuwaitis, and we are surprised at the statements," said a semor official. The only explanation we can come up with is that it is an indirect form of pressure on Jordan as we bead for resumed peace talks (with Israel)," added the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Perhaps they (the Kuwaitis) want us to head in a specific direction and are using the issue of relations as leverage," the official told the Jordan Times. He

declined to elaborate.

extreme circumstances.

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The Kuwaiti comment that the emirate is not willing to normalise ties with Jordan was made hy its foreign minister, Sheikh Sabah Ai Ahmad Al Sabah, in an interview published in the Londonbased Al Hayat newspaper.

"We and the Kingdom (of another form of pressure on the Saudi Arabia) have a unified position that normalising relations with Jordan needs time," Sheikh Sabah was quoted as

The mioister accused the Jordanian media of "slander and defamation and offensive statements" against Kuwait, and said: "... even the Iraqi press is quoting the Jordanian press." The reference was particularly

press has been refraining itself from criticising Knwait or any other Gulf state in the past several months. Two Jordanian newspapers

surprising since the Jordanian

page 4). Sheikh Sabah also ruled out

Organisation (PLO) and said Palestinians, the largest expatriate community in Knwait before the August 1990 Iraqi invasion, would not be allowed to return to the emirate.

Kuwait's relations with Jordan and the PLO as well as Yemen and Sudan were strained by what the emirate's regime saw as their support for Iraq in the Gulf crisis and the ensuing war which ended the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait in February 1991.

Jordan has repeatedly stated that it was not supporting Iraq by refusing to join the American-led Western-Arab alliance which fought Iraq and by calling for a diplomatic solution to the crisis.

The Kingdom's efforts to explain its position after the war

Kuwaiti and Saudi indifference, and His Majesty King Hussein normalising relations with Iraq bas said that Amman had given and the Palestine Liberation up its endeavours, leaving it to time to mend the strain.

In a strongly-worded speech at the opening of an Arab labour conference here last week, the King called for Arab reconciliation but indicated that Jordan was not willing to bow to any press-

Saudi Arabia, one of the leading Arah partners in the anti-Iraq alliance, has been demanding a "public apology" from Jordan for its stand during the Gulf crisis. And the King bas ruled out such a gesture, saying Jordan had done nothing to apologise for.

"It seems the Kuwaitis are still living under the shadow of the Gulf crisis and cannot think clearly and understand Jordan's position," the senior official said Monday. "Perhaps they don't

One would have thought that things were looking up for inter-Arab relations, particularly after the Arab labour conference," the

official said. "Bot, it seems, the Kuwaitis have different ideas and approaches." The Amman conference was the first Arab conference to be held in Jordan after the Gulf

crisis and was attended by labour ministers from 16 Arab countries. including Saudi Arabia and all other Gulf states except Kuwait, which sent its labour undersecret-Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, as

well as other Gulf states, bave cut off their financial assistance to Jordan. The senior official said Jordan was not seeking renewed aid through normalisation of rela-

"Jordan has made it clear that

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King, Major discuss Mideast peace process

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday held talks with British Prime Minister John discussed extensively. King Hussein briefed the prime minister on Major at No. 10 Downing Street, Jordan's solid drive towards a Royal Palace spokesman said. democratisation, emphasising During their one-hour meeting, the two leaders reviewed all towards permanent peace and issues of common concern to the security in the region. Mr. Major United Kingdom and Jordan, particularly the Middle East peace process and the latest developments in the region,' the

The King and Mr. Major expressed hope that all current obstacles to the peace process will be overcome in order to ensure the resumption of talks according to the set schedule," according to the spokesman.

Bilateral relations were also that it will hopefully contribute lauded those efforts, stressing that they were all moves in the right direction," the spokesman

the British side by the assistant foreign secretary for Middle East affairs and hy the special adviser to the prime minister. On the Jordanian side, it was attended by Jordan's ambassador in London.

King urges Muslim World to seek to end Bosnia plight

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty
King Hussein has called on the
Islamic World to step in and seek King Hussein has called on the Islamic World to step in and seek an end to the plight of the Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In identical messages to the heads of states of all Islamic countries, the King warned that the conflict in the former Yugoslavia was deepening and stressed that the Islamic World had a duty to help the victims of the violence

The message was dated March 20, but was released to the press

Tuesday. Following is the full text of the tional community's total disregard of the occupation of a large part of its territory and the crimes committed against its people, I have found it imperative to write to you about the fale of a Muslim people in such dire conditions, I am confident that you share my feelings of concern and anxiety, as well as our willingness to work together in accordance with the available means, to alleviate the impact of these conditions on the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This is incumbent upon us all by faith in our religion, principles and morality, and

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approved for West Bank agri-

cultural workers, although not all

had been distributed. A further

1,655 Gazans were allowed into

"We issue permits only to peo-

ple whose names are given to us

by the agricultural sector," said

the spokeswoman, adding that no

decision has been made to let in

workers vital to Israel's construc-

Leftist ministers in Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rahin's coali-

tion government urged him to

give Palestinians compensation

and to accelerate creation of jobs

in the occupied territories to pre-

sure... without massive invest-

ment in the territories or without

"The continuation of the clo-

vent growing unrest.

work in Israel.

tion industry.

Israeli ban cuts deep into Palestinian lives

RAMALLAH, occupied West hy Israeli farmers dependent on Bank (Agencies) — Thousands of cheap Arab labour — are allowed Palestinians quened at army to pass through army checkpoints offices in the occupied territories that har entry to Israel. Tuesday to seek work permits as A spokeswoman for the "civil Israel's han on Palestinian entry administration" said Tuesday

to the Jewish state bit deeper. "This is our only source of livelihood. If we don't work, we don't eat," said Mohammad Abdul Rahim, 55, from the West Bank village of Beitin. He stood in a line of 200 people outside the army-run "civil administration"

building in Ramallah. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government Sunday ex-tended the closure indefinitely, dashing hopes of the estimated 100,000 Palestinians previously employed in Israel for an early return to work.

Abdul Rahim, who bad laboured at the Tnuva produce market in Jerusalem for 16 years. said he was down to the last of his pay cheques and he did not know how he would manage without an early resumption of work.

Israel sealed off the nearly two million Palestinians of the occuthe end of March after a spate of Arab attacks against Israelis Only Palestinians given special

monetary compensation to the unemployed there, is also dangerpied West Bank and Gaza Strip at ous from a security point of view." Environment Minister Yossi Sarid told Israel Radio.

permits — mainly those needed Israel continues land grab, page 2

U.S. vows aid to Russian people, hails Japan plan

TOKYO (Agencies) — U.S. also due 10 attend. Secretary of State Warren Christopher vowed Tuesday that a crucial Tokyo meeting on aid to Moscow would produce support that would directly benefit the Russian people.
"Our aim is assistance that will

have a powerful impact," Mr. Christopher told reporters on arrival at Tokyo's Haneda airport for Wednesday gathering of foreign and finance ministers of the Group of Seven (G7) leading industrialised nations. "Assistance that would be felt

directly by the Russian people, assistance that will build and preserve a new Russia," he added. In talks later with Japanese Foreign Minister Kabun Moto. Mr. Christopher welcomed Tokvo's initiative to extend aid to Russia, according to Japanese officials who took part in the talks.

They said Mr. Muto gave him details of the aid plan ahead of a formal announcement to the twoday G7 meeting, which groups ministers from the United States. Japan, Britain, Canada, France, Germany and Italy.

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev and Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov were

Japanese dailies reported that Tokyo was ready to hand Moscow up to \$2 hillion to help prop up the troubled government of President Boris Yellsin. A

spokesman declined comment on the reports. Japanese officials said Mr. Muto told Mr. Christopher that Japan, as host nation of the G7 summit this July, must successfully lead the meeting to lend sup-

Japanese Foreign Ministry

port for Mr. Yeltsin's reforms. "We must make it so that the G7 will agree on a common aid policy and keep Russia from moving back a step," they quoted Mr. Muto as saying.

Mr. Christopher assured Mr. Muto that Washington had not changed its policy of supporting Tokyo's claims to four islands seized by Soviet troops in World War II, one Japanese official at the bilateral talks said.

The islands issue has blocked the signing of a peace treaty and the granting of large-scale Japanese aid for Russia, But none of the money will

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Israel continues to take Palestinian land amid peace process

By Colleen Siegel

HUSSAN, Occupied West Bank — On a stony hillside by a Jewish settlement, a Palestinian farmer pointed at fencing that looked newer than the rest of its chainlink perimeter.

"In December the settlers took away the old fence and put up a new one, taking 28 dunums of my land," said Abdul Aziz Sabatin, 65, from the nearby village of Hussan.

The gnarled farmer pointed at gashes in the hill, where he said his olive trees and grapevines were uprooted by the settlers of Betar Illit. He produced old deeds to back his claim to the

Palestinians call Mr. Sabatin's case part of a quiet, relentless Israeli campaign both to take Arab land and to prevent their crowded towns and villages from spreading over more of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Moshe Leibowitz, mayor

of Betar Illii, would not discuss the new fence or Mr. Sabatin's land. He simply called him "a liar." To work out his problem he should get a lawyer and go

to court, Why hasn't he,' Mr. Leibowitz said. The answer came from Mr. Sabatin's lawyer, Ali Ghuzlan, who represented Hussan villagers in an unsuccessful 1985 bid to reverse Israel's confiscation of 152 hectares

of land. "There is no way to stop them ... we have old deeds to the land, but nothing stands before the settlers' desire. There is nothing I can do for this man," Mr. Ghuzlan said.

Land lies at the heart of Middle East peace talks, suspended since Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin expelled 415 Palestinians to Lebanon last December. A new round is scheduled for April 20 but it ls not yet clear if Arabs will attend.

Palestinians say Mr. Rabin has simply put a better face on the previous rightwing Likud government's outspoken support for expanding Jewish settlement. Under Mr. Rabin, Israel is

negotiating a five-year period of Palestinian limited selfrule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, to be followed by a final settlement.

Palestinians fear their powers will be so limited during the interim period of "autonomy," that Israel's hold on the land will increase, Israel indefinitely barred Palestinians from the Jewish state last week after attacks on Israelis. That foreshadowed a fragmentation of the occupied territories by cutting them off from Arab East

Raja Shehadeh, a lawyer advising the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks, said an Israel campaign 10 take Arab land began in earnest in the late 1970s.

More than 100,000 Jews, many of whom elaim the territories as their Biblical birthright, are now settled in protected enclaves among the nearly two million Palesti-

Despite assurance by Mr. Rabin that settlement would be curbed, Arab land contioues to disappear.

Israelis took or served confiscation notices on more than 300 hectares of Arab land since Mr. Rabin took office last July, says the Jerusalem Media and Communication Centre (JNCC). which does research for the Palestinian peace team.

Mr. Rabin's spokesman Oded Ben-Ami declined to check the JMCC list, saying cases like Mr. Sabatin's were impossible because the government bad halted expansion of settlements.

The civil administration, Israel's occupation authority, confirmed 201 hectares of the land listed by the JMCC were now under Israeli control.

One hectare was taken for security reasons, 52 bectares for public and nine hectares were in dispute between a settlement and Palestinians who said they owned the land, the authority said.

It did not have data on how the remaining 139 hectares it acknowledged came to be under Israeli control. It had no record at all about Mr. Sabatin's plot. A spokesman for the civil

administration declined to say how much land Israel had taken during the 26-year occupation, "No-one will give you those numbers," she

said But Mr. Shehadeh suspects methods such as claiming open areas are "state" land are about exhausted. Now, ne says, israel is turning to zoning to strangle development of heavily populated Arab areas.

Mr. Shebadeb fears Mr. Rabin, to prevent a Palestinian state, will continue settlement. He believes that is why Israel keeps almost all information about the occupied territories secret.



Young Somali girls orphaned during the civil war recite Koranic verses at an orphanage in Baidoa (AFP photo)

U.S. Marines detain Somali warlord's backer

MOGADISHU (R) — U.S. Marines briefly detained the financial backer of Somalia's most powerful warlord, a U.S. military spokesman said Tuesday.

Osman Otto, the financial backer, arms supplier and political ally of warlord Mobammad Farah Aideed, was arrested by the Marines in the southern port of Kismayu Sunday, he said. He was released Monday.
The spokesman declined to

give further details.

Issa Mohammad Siad, a central committee member of General Aideed's Somali National Alliance (SNA), told Reuters: The arrest was aimed at humiliating Osman Otto, We suspect they are trying to provoke us into doing something.

Mr. Otto was travelling to Kismayu with three armed guards when he was picked up by U.S. Marines and taken to the city, Mr. Siad said. The SNA has been highly cri-

tical of U.S.-led forces in Somalia, who arrived last December to restore order and to get food

relief to the starving. "We need the help of fair and honest people in Somalia. UN-ITAF (U.S. led forces in Somalia) came bere without under-

standing the true problems of Somalia," Mr. Siad said. He accused U.S.-led troops of attacking innocent people in the

anarchic Horn of Africa country. Moroccan forces, part of the 23-nation force in Somalia, had tortured and beaten a group of 13 camel herders on Friday near the Kenyan border, he said.

The camel berders, who are now at the SNA's office in the capital Mogadishu, told Reuters the Moroccans bad taken them into custody after accusing them of being bandits.

The men said they had been tied and beaten by the Moroccan soldiers, who confiscated five weapons and took away 150

"They took our weapons and said we were bandits. We told them that we were just camel merchants and we needed to have the weapons to safeguard our property," said Sheikb Mobarnmad Yuser, one of the camel herders.

Several of the men were wearing bandages which they said covered wounds inflicted by the Moroccans.

A U.S. military spokesman said he had no details of the iocident.

Egyptian group mediates betweeen state, militants

CAIRO (R) — Islamic scholars and intellectuals are mediating between the government and extremists to try to end Egypt's worst bout of political violence io a decade, one of the group said Tuesday.

Led by a popular Muslim tele-vision evangelist, the 25-strong group met Interior Minister Abdul Halim Musa last week after receiving word from militants they were ready to talk, said Fehmi Huweidi, a writer on Islamie affairs who joined the team.

It was the latest attempt to seek apolitical solution to the crisis since fighting which has killed more

than 120 people flared last year. The group, which is not affiliated to any organisation, raised political parties and the freeing of militants detained without trial,

Mr. Huweidy said.
It will visit militant leaders in Egypt's prisons during the next

This is a very critical point. The government does not want mediatioo to be taken as a sign of weakness and on the other hand the militants may think we represent the government," be said. Islamie leaders and intellec-

tuals known as sympathetic to the Islamie wave" had been thinking of an initiative for two or three months," Mr. Huweidy said. They included Sheikh Metwalli Al Sharaawi, a national

shows on religion.

two weeks ago when lawyers defending militants on trial relayed were ready to talk.

Publicly, the government has said it cannot talk to extremists' who have wrecked the vital tourist iodustry with attacks on . foreigners in a drive to establish a purist . Islamic state.

The aothorities have launched an increasingly bloody series of raids to crush the militants, killing 29 of them last month alone.
In private, government officials met militants in the stronghold of Assiut last summer. In November

the possibility of allowing Islamic celebrity for his television talk leaders from the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood, a banned They were encouraged about but influential political group, met a senior security official. Sheikh Sharaawi, a scholar in

a message that the extremists his 80s who commands wide respect among religious Egyptians indifferent to politics, heads 1 four-man committee which directing the group's contacts.

Mr. Huweidi said Mr. Musi expressed concern at last week's

meeting that militants would not honour any agreement.

He added that contacts were still at an early stage but said: "They have accepted our mediation. Mediation means both sides are ready to reach a

Former Afghan president asks to leave U.N. refuge

ISLAMABAD (R) - Afghanistan's fallen communist President Najibullah wants to end his yearlong refuge inside a United Na-tions compound in Kabul, quit pobtics and leave the country, the U.N. said Tuesday.

Mr. Najibullab has been a virtual prisoner, inside the U.N. offices since taking refuge there oo April 16 last year after he was overthrown by a palace coup that precipitated the entry of the Mujahedeeo to Kabul.

Mr. Najibullah, 46, wants to leave Kabul and live outside Afghanistan where be can receive treatment for kidney stones. He wants to "live peacefully without" any future involvement in the political affairs of Afghanistan," a U.N. official said.

"I bope he will be given the possibility to take care of his bealth outside the country," Sotirios Mousouris, personal reptesentative of the U.N. secretarygeneral in Pakistan and Afghanistan, said in an interview.

"It should be easier now that he does not want to get involved in politics for the rest of his Mr. Mousouris said.

The government of President Burhanuddin Rabbani said last month that Mr. Najibullah's fate would be decided after a new cabinet is formed. The cabinet bas been delayed by disagreements among rival guerrilla groups over Mr. Najibullah, who came to

compound with his brother, a trusted bodyguard and his former chief of staff, General Ishaq Defence Ministry maintains a Toukh, and Gen. Toukh's wife and three young children. The year-old Islamie government that replaced Mr. Najibol-

power in 1986; lives in the U.N.

lah's Soviet-installed administration granted an amnesty to all former officials, including Mr. Najibullah, head of the feared security police until he came to power.

However, some Mujahedeen leaders reject the amnesty, espe- daughters are in India.



cially for Mr. Najibuilah, and say they want him to be tried for crimes against the people.

Mr. Najibullah suffers from

kidney stones and has lost weight but remains in good spirits, Mr. Mousouris said. He spends his time reading, including English magazines supplied by the U.N. and writing.

The group has to sleep in corridors of the tbree-storey building doring frequent exchanges of rockets and artillery fire among rival guerrilla groups in the city.

One of the children was slightly hurt by a stray bullet that came through a window but was treated locally, Mr. Mousouris said. All international U.N. staff left Kabul amid fierce fighting last

August and a caretaker provides food to Mr. Najibuliah and his The U.N. requested the government to guarantee diplomatic immunity to their office and the

skeleton guard at the gate. Mr. Mousouris said recently that Mr. Najibullah's presence had created problems for U.N.

operations in Afgbanistan. The presence of a former president in oor headquarters makes the work of the United

Nations difficult," he said. "It has Mr. Najibullah's wife and three

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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

President Bill Clinton's admi-

Lebanese defence minister says no Syrian withdrawal

BEIRUT (AP) — Defence
Minister Moshen Dalloul, in a
statement broadcast Tuesday,

nistration renewed the U.S. commitment to the Taif accord when
Secretary of State Warren Christruled out an early Syrian army pullout from Beirut, a move advocated by the United States to speed up the peace process in post-civil war Lebanon.

In the statement, broadcast by several Beirut radio stations, Mr. Dalloul also said the Lebanese governement would disarm anti-Israeli guerrillas only when Israel abandoned a "security zone" it occupies in South Lebanon.

His statement marked the 18th anniversary of the 1975 outbreak of the civil war, which claimed more than 150,000 lives and wreaked \$25 billion worth of destructioo, by U.N. estimates.

The conflict ended in 1990 under a peace accord brokered by the Arab League during an extraordinary session held by the Lebanese parliament in Saudi Arabia's Red Sea resort of Taif.

The pact called for an unconditional Israeli withdrawal from its self-styled "security zone," a 1,100-sqoare-kilometre enclave policed by 1,500 Israeli troops and 3,000 surrogate militiamen.
It also provided for the rede-

ployment of Syria's 40,000 peacekeeping troops in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley two years after the ratification of political reforms that give Muslims an equal share of power with Christ-

The United States contended the Syriair redeployment should have been carried out last year, since Lebanese President Elias Hrawi signed the reforms Sept. 22 and parliament ratified them

opher said be revived the Syrian redeploymnet issoe during his visits to Syria and Lebanoo in February. But he drew negative

Syria has been the only country that gave us whatever assistance we requested. We have asked Syria to stay on, not to leave. Any talk about a Syrian

redeployment at present amounts to heresy, Mr. Dalloul said. The Syrians have been stationed in nearly two-thirds of Lebanon's territory under a 1976 Arab League peacekeeping man-date. The United States contends that mandate has been super seded by the Taif accord.

Mr. Dallout said the newly restructed Lebanese army still needed the support of Syrian troops to restore state authority over Lebanon's entire territory, The 42,000 Lebanese troops have reestablished law and order

in Beirut and its environs since the end of the civil war. But more soldiers are needed to bring north, east and south Lebanon under government control.

The United States has also been pressing the Lebanese government to disarm the Iranianbacked Hizbollah, whose guerrillas are waging a war against the Israeli-held enclave in the south.

"I can guarantee that once Israel pulls out from the south only Lebanese army weapons are allowed to remain in the region." Mr. Dalloul said. "We can't allow ourselves to become cops protecting the occupier. This treason.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Police seize 40 kilos of heroin

CAIRO (AP) — Acting on a tip, police on Monday digged out 40 kilogrammes of heroin worth \$8 million in a desert area on the Red Sea, the newspaper Al Gomhuria reported. The newspaper. quotiog police sources, said the heroin was buried by a fisherman in desert area at Marsa Alam, on the Red Sea. The fisherman, identified as Mobammad Saleb Mohammad, fled. The paper did not give further details but a columnist, writing in another Cairo newspaper, Al Akhbar, suggested the seized heroin may be part of a sbipment discharged by a ship coming from Pakistan near the Egyptian coast between Queseir and Marsa Alam. Quoting Major General Essam Al Tarsawi, deputy director of the Egyptian anti-narcotic department, columnist Wagih Abu Zekry said a number of sacks of heroin bave already reached the beach and that Egyptian police are exerting utmost efforts to collect the rest of the shipment. Mr. Abu Zerky did not identify the ship nor elaborate on the circumstances that prompted the ship to drop the narcotics in this area. No other details were immediately available.

Kidnapped Algerian's body found in ditch

ALGIERS (R) — Algerian security forces have found the body of a kidnapped local official dumped in a ditch in the latest violence blamed on Muslim fundamentalists. Police sources, quoted by the official news agency APS, said Ammar Guendouzi was found late Monday near Bab Ezzouar University in Algiers. He had been killed by four bullets. Three kidnappers posing as plainclothes police seized Guendouzi, a father of four, at his home last Saturday, the sources said. The para-military gendarmeries said Monday two other civilians were seriously wounded in assassina tion attempts.

Pakistan faces protest over crackdown

ernment eraekdown on Arabs living illegally in Pakistan has angered its mighty religious parties, sparked demonstrations nationwide and fired anti-American feelings.

raged and ashamed at what our government has done to our Arab guests," Khurshid Ahmad, deputy chief of Pakistan's small but powerful Jamaat-e-Islami (Party of Islam), said. In the past week police have arrested hundreds of Arab

'We are deeply disturbed, out-

North-West Frontier Province that borders on wir . raged Afghanistan. They say they have become pariahs. "Pakistan is talking to us like we are the enemy, like we are

here to destroy their country,"

nationals living in the rugged

said Abdul Quddus, a Jordanian who said he will take his dream of creating an Islamic state to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Jamaat-e-Islami, an estranged partner in Pakistan's ruling coalition, has called for street demonstrations to protest the crackdown and American interference. Clerics in mosques throughout the country have begun criticising

the government policy, which

"Pakistan is behaving stupidly mainly because of pressure from the outside, from America. They should be man enough to say no. These are our Muslim brothers,

said Mr. Ahmad. But Pakistan is also under ressure from several fellow Muslim states, including Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia and Saudi Arabia. Those governments fear that

came to fight in neighbouring Afghanistan's "holy war" against Soviet invasion forces. Most of those who stayed on

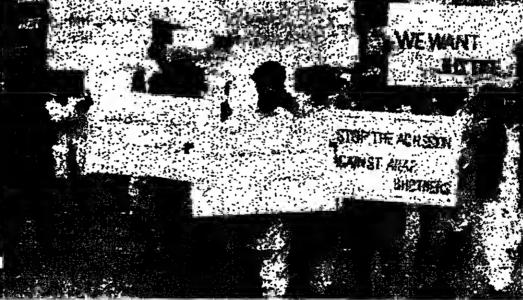
after last year's rebel victory are helping rebuild the war-shattered country, but others remained because of links to fundamentalist Islamic groups outlawed in their they claim was imposed by home couotry.

backlash to the crackdown. grenades at police before sur-

the fslamic fundamentalists could cause problems at home. Many of the Arabs say they

While Mr. Abmad preached non-violence, he warned of a Many Libyans arrested last month in Peshawar threw band

rendering. "If we try to push them to the wall it would be unfortunate for them and unfortunate for us if they resort to violence," Mr.



Employees of Islamic groups helping Afghan refugees stage a protest in Peshawar against the government's crackdown on Arabs (AFP photo)

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Premier receives Pakistan's army chief

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Mioister Sbarif Zeid Beo Shaker Tuesday received visiting Chief of Staff of the Pakistani Air Force General Farouq Fairouz Khan and the accompanying delega-

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Sharif Zeid reviewed with Gen. Khan Jordanian-Pakistani relacoordination and cooperation in issues of mutual concern to the Armed Forces in both countries. They also reviewed the role played by Armed Forces personnel from both countries in serving world peace and security, particularly in teosion and conflict

The two officials reviewed the

highlighted the need for estab lishing a just and durable peace in this strategic part of the world. The meeting was attended by

Chief of Staff of the Royal Jorda-

nian Air Force Brigadier Awni private sectors. Bilal, the Pakistani ambassador But be added that the RSS and the Pakistani military attache self-revenues currently cover its

Dr. Molki noted that the government's support to research

Weekly

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AMMAN (J.T.) — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) today

celebrates 23rd anniversary of its

centre for research and industrial

Hashemite leadership's belief in

the oecessity to link the education

research and development activi-

years oo training graduates of

Jordanian universities and its

cadres in order to provide them

with access to the technological

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On financial assistance to RSS,

Dr. Mulki said that supporting

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activities decreases proportional-

ly with the progressive achievemeot in development, whereas the private sector's support for such activities increases.

establishment which came io im-Referring to RSS interaction with the industrial sector, Dr. plementation of a Royal Decree On this occasion, the Jordao News Agency, (Petra), inter-viewed Dr. Hani Molki, RSS Mulki said RSS pays a major role in monitoring the compliance of Jordan's products to the national and international standards and President and Secretary General of the Higher Couocil for Science specifications, as well as providand Technology (HCST) Hani Mulki, who said that the estabing technical services to upgrade quality within the general lishment of RSS as a national framework of increasing the local value added (materials and manservices stemmed from the power) to improve the international competitiveness of Jordanian products abroad. He said process on the ooe hand with the that adherence to these specifications, paves the way for Jorda-nian industries in the internation-RSS concentrated in its early al markets.

Touching on training, Dr. Mulki said it is another important and major input to the industry in particular and the development

process in general.

He added that RSS expanded its programmes in applied educa-tion and established for this purpose the Princess Sumaya University College for Technology which offers courses leading to the B.Sc degree in computer science and its applications.

At the sectorial level, Dr. Mulki said that RSS implemented in the last two decades tens of pioneering projects in various fields of development. Princess Samaya University College

Princess Sumaya University College for Tech nology

These projects include the national project to monitor the quality of water in Jordan, designing units for industrial waste water treatment, studying indusirial pollution in Jordan, development of a building system for the low-income groups, utilization of renewable energy resources as alternatives to conventional energy resources, introducing compu-ter to improve the activities of

RSS celebrates 23rd anniversary

oational institutions, developing electronic equipment for various purposes, maintaining the medical equipment for the Ministry of Health, working out solutions to the mechanical problems facing our industries, and testing our locally made and important products especially foodstuffs to ensure their suitability for human

Dr. Mulki expressed RSS' gra-

utude to the various institutions as well as the countries that sup-ported RSS through its march. mentioning in particular the governments of Germany, Japan, and Italy, as well as the European Communities (EC) institutions.

lo conclusion. Dr. Mulki said RSS "future programmes and plans depend mainly on the needs and requirements of our national development plans.

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Germany to grant Jordan DM 6 m for agricultural, veterinary fields

AMMAN (J.T.) - Germany is to grant Jordan six million DM in financial and technical aid, to help it implement its developmeot projects, according to two memoranda and ooe agreement signed by the two sides in Amman Tuesday.

Under a financial agreement, Germany will immediately make available to Jordan the sum of 3 million DM as a grant to finance studies and the cost of providing experts working on projects in

The two notes, together worth 3 million DM, will cover agricultural development.

The first provides for technical assistance from Germany to help Jordan implement agricultural plans, improve production and

HOME NEWS

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Jordanian

citizen who threatened to com-

mit suicide in Amman Tuesday

hundreds of spectators gathered to watch him sit at the edge of the roof of a four-storey building

near the Sports City. Police im-

mediately took the man into

custody to investigate the case at Al Rashid Police Statioo. Police

sources refused to reveal any

informatioo about the identity of

the man or the motives for

attempting suicide, saying that

investigations are still under

Weather chief heads

for Geneva meetings

AMMAN (Petra) - Secretary

General of the Meteorology De-

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left for Geneva to take part in

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preserve the global climate and

ratify agreements

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and

Libya Tuesday exchanged in-

struments of ratification of four

agreements concluded last year.

The exchange took place at the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The

agreements cover trade, mari-

time traffic, tourism and train-

ing. Endorsing the instruments

of ratification for Jordan was

Foreign Ministry Secretary

General Hussein Hamami, and

for the Libyan government, Li-byan ambassador to Jordan

Children's cultural

AMMAN (Petra) — Friends of

the Children's Club in Amman

will organise a week-long festival

on April 24. The festival, enti-

tled "The Kindergarten's Cultu-

ral Festival," includes book ex-

hibitions, theatre performances,

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in addition to music recitals.

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promote the work of agricultural vaccines used in the veterinary extension services.

It stipulates that Germany will provide equipment and training of Jordanian technicians and other staff.

The second oote is related to the work of the Jordan Centre for Veterinary Vaccine (JCVV) at Yajouz district.

The centre is affiliated to the Ministry of Agriculture. The note said the technical

assistance in this regard aims at promoting and modernising the ceotre by supplying experts to enable the facility to adapt to international standards

In this respect, Germany will provide laboratories and specialists to belp Jordanian personnel to produce monitor and work oo

The JCVV, which was established with help of the German Agency for Technical Developmeot GTZ, began by producing 80 million doses of several vaccines for local and export markets, but later raised the production to 170 million doses of which only half are being consumed in

According to JCVV officials. Germany has promised to provide technical assistance to the centre to belp it in its plan to

The two notes and the financial agreement were signed by Mioister of Planning Ziad Fariz and German Ambassador to Jordan

Minister inaugurates Jordanian book exhibit

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Mioister Mahmoud Al Sharif Tuesday opened the Jordanian Exhibition of Books and Educational Aids at the International Expo Centre on the University of

Taking part in this exhibition are 50 Jordanian publishing

'Oo display are some 10,000 titles as well as educational aids. Mr. Sharif toured the various sections of the exhibition and praised the high standard of Jordan's cultural production.

The minister stressed the im-

promoting Jordanian books and

He pledged the ministry's support for such activities, saying that the ministry can help promote Jordanian books and writers through the various cultural programmes aired on radio and television and those transmitted by the Jordan News Agency.

The minister was accompanied by President of the Jordanian Writers Association Fakbri Kawar, who is also the Secretary General of the Arab Writers Unioo, and Director General of the Press and Publications Departportance of such exhibitions in ment Issa Al Jahmani.



Royal Jordanian (RJ) Chief Executive Officer and President Mahmoud Jamal Balqez Tuesday meets with visiting Director General of Air Algerie Shakib Al Beilili at RJ

RJ president meets with visiting Air Algerie head

AMMAN (J.T.) — Royal Jordanian (RI) Chief Executive Officer and Presideot Mahmoud Jamal Balgez Tuesday received visiting Director General of Air Algerie Shakib Al Beilili and discussed with bim means of cooperation between Jordan's national carrier and the Algerian airline, in areas of training, marketing, maintenance and related air transport

Mr Balqez and his guest toored the RJ Technical Department installations and watched the maiotenance work being carried out on four model JT 8D jet

Mr. Beilili listened to a briefing

by Zeid Kilani, deputy executive director of RJ and director of the Technical Department, on the facilities available at the depart-

In a statement to the Jordan Times, Mr. Kilani said the maintenance workshops enjoy an excelleot reputation at the Arab and international levels qualifying them to win several contracts for maintenance projects on plane and jet bodies and engines of Arab and foreign air-

The RJ Technical Department achieved a net profit of \$10 miltion in 1992, and expects a \$15 million net profit this year.

Jordan to attend U.N. meeting in Kenya

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will participate in the meetings of the 14th session of the United Nations Committeee on Human Settlements which will coovene in the Kenyan capital betwen April 26 and May 5. Jordan's delegation to the meetings will be headed by Minister of Public Works and Housing Saad Hayel Surour and will include Director General of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Yousef Hiyasat and William

bulletin reports decline in

thefts AMMAN (Petra) - The Public Security Department (PSD) reported that between April 3 and 9 the rate of robberies, car thefts and embezzlements decreased significantly compared with the previous week, but the number of attempted murders remained the

A weekly PSD statistical bulletin said there were 13 reported robberies last week and nearly tbree-quarters of them were

Festive firings rose to six resultiog io the death of one person and iojury to two others, the state-

A total of 10 smuggling attempts were reported against eight the previous week, but all the new cases were prosecuted, said the statement.

Only four cars were reported stolen, three of which have been retrieved; a decline from 12 reported car thefts the previous

A man from shuneh was reported to have sbot and killed his sister on April 4 in an alleged bonour crime, according to the PSD statements.

It said that in another incident in the badia (desert) region, a man stabbed and killed his sister because of a family feud.

Also last week, the badia and border police forces aborted attempts to smuggle bashisb, 270 car tyres and 12,505 heads of sheep into Jordan from a neighbouring country.

Russia aid (Continued from page 1)

reach the streets before Russian voters decide whether to keep Mr. Yeltsin in power and his political and free-market reform programmes going.

"I doo't anticipate that any of this mooey will be dispersed and putting goods into people's hands within two weeks," a senior U.S. official said as be flew here with Mr. Christopher

The G7 talks Wednesday and Thursday are expected to produce an overall package of about \$30 billion, of which \$6 billion was authorised at the G7 economic summit in Munich, Germany,

Arab Baath Progressive Party By Saad Silawi Special to the Jordan Tiems

"Our party will seek to achieve social justice, equality and equal opportunities for all citizens; and above all, it will spare to efforts in cementing national unity and in extending continued support to

the Palestinian people to enable them to establish their independent state on Palestinian soil." said Fuad Dabbour, the party's spokesman. Workshop

focuses on educational supervision

AMMAN (Petra) - A one-day training workshop on educational development was beld Tuesday at the Teachers Club in Amman.

The worksbop, organised by the Ministry of Education's Educational Training Centre, was attended by 100 school supervisors and heads of supervisory sections at the various education departments.

Addressing participants, direc-tor of the centre Mohammad Jumaa Al Wahsb stressed the importance of educational supervision, saying that it constitutes a major pillar of the educational process and a focal point linking the ministry with the various educational institutions, including

Dr. Wahsh said the ministry is striving to upgrade the quality of education and to enable teachers to play an effective role in developing the educational process. He pointed out that the centre

bas prepared an integrated programme for training school super-The programme includes work-shops for all supervisors, heads of

supervisory sections and technical directors, to define the status quo of the supervisory process, identify needs and formulate programmes to develop educational

Participants heard lectures on the role of school supervisors and headteachers in the technical development of teachers, methods of educational supervision, preparing reports on school visits, and planning, training and evaluation of teachers' perform-

way for the salvation of the Arab Expressing deep satisfaction able of defending the homeland, Nation and the only way leading said Mr. Dabbour,

AMMAN — The number of legalised political parties in Jordan Tuesday reached 17 with the licensing of the Arab Baath Progressive Party (ABPP).

over Minister of Interior Jawdai Sboul's announcement Tuesday that the party has been legalised. Mr. Dabbour said that he highly values the democratisation process in Jordan and that his party would strive to support, deepen and protect this process so that Jordan would serve as a model for other nations. The ABPP bas repeatedly con-

firmed that democracy remains the only ideal formula that can guarantee for each citizen the right to freedom and dignity and enable him to become productive and contribute towards the construction of bis nation and cap-

"Our party believes that democratic rule, and genuine popular

making process creats an oasis of security and stability," added the spokesman. 'Our Jordanian people are pan-Arabists by nature, and are known to eherish a true sense of

national belonging; and for this reason the Jordanians have been struggling to attain pan-Arab unity, he continued. Mr. Dabbour said that the ABPP will strive to help Jorda-

nians attain their aspirations in pan-Arab unity which is the only

to progress, freedom, power and a decent life. In this regard, he added this party pledges to dedicate its participation in the decision-

struggle to attain solidarity and unity among the Arab States and do all in its power to help the Arab countries achieve unity. The ADPP had submitted an application to the Interior Minis-

try to obtain a licence in February 1993, in accordance with the provisions of the Jordanian Constitution, the National Charter and the 1992 Political Parties Law.

The application was signed by 76 founding members

Industrial investments rise significantly, says ministry

AMMAN (Petra) - In the last 1992. two years investments in industrial businesses in Jordan have the Ammao region numbered the Ammao region 1001 at 1001 Ministry of Industry and Trade report said. predicts more such projects in the future.

According to a published report issued Tuesday by the ministry's Department of Industrial Development, industrial schemes were not restricted to Amman, but were also distributed to several governorates.

The report said 821 industrial projects were implemented in 1991 and 1,019 others began in

significantly increased and the 787, up from 632 in 1991, the

industries registered between 1990 and 1992 was 482, accounting for 21 per cent of the total number of new projects; en-gineering industrial projects made up 20.3 per cent in the same period.

The report said registered capital invested in Jordanian industries in 1990 was JD

35,720,000, in 1991 it was JD 96,218,000 and in 1992 it was JD 227,850,000.

Of the total invested capital in industries by the end of 1992 total JD 23,855,000, up from JD 3.381,000 in 1990.

The report said the total number of non-Jordanian investors in 1990 stood at 134, and rose to 186

by the end of 1992. Also according to the report. Jordanian industries employed 4,980 workers in 1990 and 15,580

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

Art exhibition entitled "The Legend of Petra * "Budapest Spring Festival" opera concert at II" by artist Suha Shoman at the National Gallery for Fine Arts.

Exhibition entitled "Re-creation" by Jordanian, French and Iraqi artists, inspired by a sculpture by Iraqi artist Mohammad Hussein Abdullab, at the French Cultural Centre.

Art exhibition by Samia Al Zaru and Adnan Yahya at the Abdul Hameed Sboman Foundation Gallery. Art exhibition by Syrian Artist Lujalna Al Aseel

at Baladna Art Gallery.

LECTURE

☆ Lecture, in Arabic, entitled "The Cultural Message of the Modern Islamic Awakening" by Egyptian Islamist intellectual Moham Amara at the Scientific and Cultural Centre of the Abdul Hameed Sboman Foundation — 6 OPERA

the Royal Cultural Centre at 8 p.m.

FILMS

☆ Film entitled "The Dresser" at 7 p.m. at the British Council.

 Director Mohammad Malas's Arabic film 'Ahlam Al Madinah'' (Dreams of the City) at 8 p.m. at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation's Scientific and Cultural Centre (proceeds of the showing will benefit the Palestinian

Two German films eatitled "Resenburg - Die Wiederbelebte Altstadt" (40 min.) and "Sanierung Historischen Salzstadels" (40 min.) at g p.m. at the Goethe Institute. Both films are shown on the occasion of organising an encounter between Jordanian and German architects.

FRENCH FILM WEEK French film entitled "Le Petit Criminel" at the

Zarqa Chamber of Commerce at 7 p.m.

TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

Jordanian-Syrian Land Transport Co. Invites

Contractors to participate in tender No. 3/93 for supply of spare parts for its Mercedes trucks type (L&LS 2624) as per parts numbers and quantities attached with terms of tender.

Contractors wishing to bid for tender can obtain copies of tender documents from the company in Jabal Al Hussein — behind Ministry of Health — opposite Al Fadel Ibn Abbas Mosque - Amman for a non-refundable fee of JD 120,000 (onehundred and twenty Jordanian dinars) per a copy, bearing official documents proving their registration in records of trading agents.

Offers should be submitted not later than 2:30 p.m. (Jordan local time) or Saturday the 15th of May / 1993.

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Issues for now and later

THE JUST-CONCLUDED Arab labour conference was an important event not only in terms of its political significance but also because of the weight of the nation's labour issues discussed by it. The fact that Amman has successfully bosted the Arab meeting, and Arab participation was near perfect suggests that inter-Arab relations can and will in the end rise above political bickering.

Fir instance, the Kuwaiti delegation's announcement that Kuwait would honour its commitment and pay compensation to all Jordanian and Palestinians workers who lost their livelihood and residency in the aftermath of the Gulf war is a commendable gesture on which more can be built.

The Arab discussions were also important in terms of the economic issues that were dealt with as well. Several labour-related subjects were addressed not only to bring the Arab World closer to an overall strategy but also in preparation for the International Labour Office's (ILO) conference due to begin in Geneva next June. The Geneva meeting will be yet another occasion to address the Palestinian labour conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In the wake of Israel's decision to seal off the occupied territories, the labour conditions in these areas have deteriorated considerably. It is estimated that the Palestinian economy loses \$3 million a day as a result of the Israeli siege of the occupied territories. Even Israeli economists are predicting dire consequences in the affected areas if the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip continnes for much longer. Tens of thousands of Palestinian labourers are affected by the Israeli arbitrary decision to cut off the West Bank and Gaza Strip from Israeli markets with which the Palestinian people had to establish economic relations and depend on in the wake of the occupation of their lands in

Labour experts helieve now that no less than \$2.5 billion is needed to generate employment conditions for the unemployed Palestinians. This new dimension in the Palestinian conflict calls for urgent consideration and devising new strategy to deal with the Geneva ILO meeting and at other international levels.

There are nf course many other Arab labour issues that call for immediate resolution. With unemployment in the Arab World on the rise and productivity on the decline there is a pressing need to deal with these critical topics. Left unresolved for much longer unemployment and unproductivity will be translated into difficult and ominous political crises that could threaten not only the directly affected Arab states but also the more developed among them. There is no way that the rich Arab states can be saved from the shock waves triggered by Arab underdevelopment. It would seem untually beneficial therefore, to both the have and havenots in the Arab World, to join forces in combating poverty and backwardness throughint the nation. No Arab labour strategy can in fact work unless it includes a clear effort to bridge the growing gap between the rich and poor Arab countries. This should be a top lesson from the Gulf war.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARIES

STATEMENTS BY the Kuwaiti foreign minister that Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are in agreement that normalisation of relations between these two countries and Jordan would not happen in the near future because the Jordanian Press maintains attacks on the emirate did not bring any novelty, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily Tuesday. Such statements are something to be expected from Kuwaiti officials who have now shown their true nature to the world, said the daily. These officials seem to have discovered that their affiliation to their Arah Nation constituted an offence to them and preferred to transform their emirate into a gas station that enjoys no sovereignty and lacks the will power to take decisions of its own, the paper continued, with these statements, the Kuwaiti foreign minister has exposed his country's role as an agent for the major world powers in the Gulf region and showed beyond doubt that Kuwait is living under the illusion that the oil wealth has transformed the emirate into a major world power. What is worse, the Kuwaiti minister has tried through these statements, published by Al Hayat Newspaper of London, to cheat readers into believing that his country's stand vis-a-vis Jordan was copied by Saudi Arabia said the daily. It said the Kuwaiti minister can issue statements at will, as he and others like him are excused for such a behavour hecause they have lost all sense of national belonging and have nothing left except the feeling of shame and the loss of peace of mind.

THE ARAB labour conference which has just ended in Amman represented a ray of hope for Arabs' future since it hrought together the different Arah states for the first time since the Gulf conflict, said Al Dustonr Arabic daily Tuesday. The deliberations and the conclusion gave evidence that the Arab states are determined to hold on to joint Arab action in dealing with the numerous problems plaguing their nation and are resolved to solve their differences in order to pave the ground for a wifing cooperation, the paper said. The conference assumed added significance because it was held under very difficult regional circumstances and at a time when solidarity among the Arabs was not needed, the paper added. The deliberations were rich in ideas about joint action in labour-related affairs and the addresses reflected Arab states' adherence to their institutions, it pointed out. In referring to Jordan's role at the conference, the paper said the country played an instrumental part not only in creating an atmosphere marked by cooperation and understanding, but acted in the most practical manner to help the delegates arrive at a very

successful conclusion.

Economic Forum

Protection under free markets

As a matter of rule, there should be no protection; industries must be fit enough to survive on their own. However, as a matter of exception, protection is conceivable but must be tentative and selective. Permanent protection does induce laxity and inefficiency; indiscriminate protection can very well lead to economic

The classical view maiotains that protection creates industries that produce poor quality goods at high costs that sell necessarily at high prices. This may be true, but it is strictly an abstraction. Practically, all countries have protected their domestic industries, directly or indirectly.

Despite all the ado about the advantages, or even the magic, of open markets, there is no empirical evidence that dismantling protection improves the quality of domestic goods and services.

Even when certain industries do improve their products and performance thanks to no protection from the state, there must be a study on domestic industries which perished, under the impact of the ensuing foreign competition, not in favour of other domestic industries but, more critically, in favour of foreign ones. The disappearance of domestic industries in these cases constitutes a net national cost. It may be a benefit from the standpoint of the world at large, but this is scarcely a consolation, or a

The crucial point is that when we abolish existing protection, we do not start from scratch. In other words, the no-protection policy is applied to an existing national economy with ongoing (industrial, agricultural or service) enterprises some of which will inevitably be scrapped out. This entails a destruction of capital formation and therefore second thoughts are warranted before taking the new medicine. If we are to start from scratch, that is if

we are to start a new economy, there will be no question about

dropping the protection option.

compensation, to the inflicted country

Once upon a time, an argumeot was widely and wildly circulated in Jordan that the Jordanian dinar had been overvalued. The argument went to say that the dinar must therefore he devalued and that devaluation would lead to an economic revolution. Exports would soar skyhigh and imports would nosedive. The dinar had been devalued. Capital fled away, evolution Jordan's private foreign exchange reserves dried up, prices soared and the whole Jordanian economy moved to the werge of complete collapse and ended up at the door of the International Monetary Fund. After devaluation, and contrary to all theorisation, imports grew at a higher rate and exports expanded at a very

modest rate. And mind you, no study, until this very moment, has been conducted in Jordan to check whether the dinar was really overvalued, or undervalued, and by how much.

A similar story has been in the making during the last two to three year. The much publicised ongoing hypothesis holds it that protection has spotted and hurt domestic industries and therefore should be eliminated. But this hypothesis has never been investigated although it has served as a hasis for Jordan's new free-import policy under which protection is being outlawed and phased out. If anything, one can cite glaring evidence showing that dismantling protection has been destroying a once very prosperous domestic industry, namely the cigarettes industry. A full-fledged open import policy will certainly uproot this nanonal industry.

Free trade advocates are industrialised countries not the developing ones because the former are the ones which stand to win. Developing countries can neither win the hattles of quality and prices nor have the capacity to serve the world markets as developed ones. In a world like this, protection is necessary for developing countries but it must be both selective (given to promising industries) and tentative (until they grow up).

Democracy alone can safeguard human rights, democracy

Following are recommendations to the U.N. World Conference on Human Rights, to be held in Vienna, Austria, on June 14-25, 1993, adopted at the Fifth Human Rights Conference of the International Academy for Development in Freedom in Sintra, Portugal, on Nov. 18-23, 1992.

In November 1992 a group of 30 persons with experience in the field of human rights met at the "International Academy for Development in Freedom" in Sintra, Portugal, to consider reports on various human rights issues with a view to formulating recommendations to the coming world conference on human rights. The participants in this seminar, mainly from developing countries and drawn from international organs, governments, parliaments, political parties, and nongovernmental organisations NGOs), reflected diverse perspectives on luman rights.

The Sintra conference recognised the significant progress that has been made in the protection of human rights since the first World Conference on Human Rights in Tehran in 1968 as a result of the joint efforts of the United Nations, governments, NGOs, and the peoples of the world. On the other hand, it was agreed that serious violations of human rights are still prevalent throughout the world and that there is an urgent need to review the existing instruments and institutions at the national, regional and international levels and to consider the creation of new institutions in order to establish a world order in which human

rights are effectively protected. The Sintra conference welcomes the World Conference on Human Rights as it provides an opportunity for the community of nations and the peoples of the world, represented by governments and non-governmental organisations, to reaffirm their commitment to the advancement of human rights, to assess the present state of human rights throughout the world and to consider the creation of new instruments and institutions to deal with the flagrant and massive violations of human rights that

threaten humankind.

In order to assist the world conference in its deliberations and decision-making the Sintra conference resolved to recommend that the world conference

 Establish the post of special commissioner on human rights.
 Affirm with new vigour the rights of minorities and indigenous peoples.

Extend the existing humanitarian conventions to cover all the victims of internal armed conflicts.
 Give close attention to the

implementation of existing norms for the persons belonging to particularly vulnerable groups.

5. Resolve that all regions adopt instruments and institutions that incorporate the princi-

ples of the international hill of human rights.

6. Resolve that these arrangements create institutions that provide individuals, groups and states with speedy and effective remedies for the enforcement of

human rights.
7. Pay greater attention to the promotion of social, economic and cultural rights and to the

enforcement of these rights;
8. Recommend that human rights be incorporated in the formulation of the social, economic and cultural programmes of states, regional badies and inter-

states, regional badies and international assistances.

2. Residual particular attention be paid in regional arrangements to human rights norms and that discriminatory practices in the areas of immigration, asylum and the treatment of refugees and displaced persons be

10. Affirm that states of emergency should not result in the arbitrary denial of the obligations assumed in regional or in-

ternational human rights standards.

11. Adopt mechanisms to ensure that states accede to all international human rights instruments and take steps to ensure their incorporation into enforceable national legislation.

12. Urge states to adjust their political institutions or to establish new institutions in order to create democratic and legitimate systems of government.

13. Give priority to policies which strengthen the independence of the judiciary and the efficiency of the administration of justice.

14. Recommend that municipal

and provincial law provides effective protection of human rights.

15. Urge all states to provide a legal environment in which independent non-governmental human rights organisations are encouraged to fulfill their task to contribute effectively to the protection and promotion of burnan rights

16. Reaffirm that the respect of the freedom of thought, conscience and religion as a fundamental human right in all countries is a precondition for peace within and among nations.

17. Urge that all member

states of the United Nations guarantee the freedom of opinion, free access to information and the média as well as full access to governmental information and archives.

18. Recommend for states to provide guidelines, assistance, pre-

vention, treatment and sanctions

by legal and other social means to

address issues concerning domestic violence, abuse and mistreatment.

19. Resolve that all states support human rights education programmes and give full publicity to buman rights and the international, regional and national

instruments available for their

enforcement.

Progress towards the achievement of these goals would serve as a fitting tribute to those many women and men who have sacrificed their bives for the creation of a better world.

Issues and policies for the next decade and their international implementation

The end of the cold war gives us the first opportunity this century to depoliticise the implementation of human rights norms in their entirety, as set forth in the international bill of human rights. Much progress has been made in the evolution of standards and mechanisms on many aspects of the protection of civil and political rights; there re-mains, however, a need for the effective implementation of these standards. Of equal importance is the further elaboration of these standards and the development of mechanisms for the more effective implementation of economic, social, and cultural rights. There is today, furthermore, an urgent need to reassert and reinforce the indivisibility of all human rights in practice.

There is a close interrelationship between human rights. democracy, and development. Particularly in this period of transition, the responsible management of change requires the active participation of all concerned in the democratic life and the full observance of all human rights. Free and fair elections are one component of the democratic process, but in addition, such process must lead to the regular functioning of institutions which willoversee the provision and implementation of the full range of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. The democratic process should furthermore provide means to secure its own sustainability. The invocation of emergency measures should only be in conformity with international standards and subject to international scrutiny.

There is a need to find ways to render operational the formulation of the right to development

as expressed in the 1986 United Nations Declaration on the subject io order to ensure that the human person remains at the centre of the integral process of development, encompassing civil, political, ecocomic, social, and cultural rights. To that end, effective action is oeeded on the part of all those involved in the process, particularly international

financial institutions.

The recent recognition of new burnan rights, such as the right to development and the right to a healthy environment, is part of a continuing evolution of international human rights standards. Such new rights should be elaborated so as to enrich existing fundamental rights and oot to

restrict them.

The observance of human rights is essectial to the U.N. objectives of the creation and maintenance of peace and equal rights. The U.N.'s human rights programme should accordingly be given the material and financial resources commensurate with its role.

In order to strengthen the buman rights mandate of the U.N., it is recommended that the post of special commissioner on Human Rights be established as a new high-level political authority to bring great effectiveness, coherence and coordination into the field of international human rights promotion and protection. New problem areas in the field of human rights should promptly be addressed. These include:

 the affirmation of the rights of minorities and indigenous peoples to preservation of identity and equality of rights with the majority population;

 the provision of means of protection for internally displaced persons and victims of internal armed conflicts not covered by international humanitarian law;

3, the provision of effective implementation of existing norms and better protection for children, women and other particularly vulnerable groups such as migrant workers, the elderly, HIV or AIDS infected persons, the extremely poor, refugees, displaced persons and the disabled, among others.

Further progress is dependent upon the continued efforts on the part of U.N. member states and non-governmental actors in the field of education for the further promotion of human rights at all levels. In order to encourage respect for human rights in states, democracy at the national level should be parallelled at the international level starting with the U.N. system and with particular attention to the interoational financial institutions. Further progress is also dependent upon the recognition of the accountability and accessability of the U.N. system to non-governmental organisations.

The improvement of regional structures and institutions

1. The importance of regional institutions and mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights is hereby recognised and endorsed. Concrete actions should be taken to strengther these regional institutions and mechanisms, where they exist, and encourage their establishment where they are non-existent.

2. Regional instruments and institutions for the protection of human rights should adopt the standards set by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international buman rights instruments as the minimum standard for the formulation, establishment and implementation of their human rights

3. Regional instruments and institutions should take into account the following considera-

(a) The need to eosure prompt consideration of complaints

brought before them and in particular provide for emergency procedores to deal with urgent complaiots.

(b) The need to provide for

wide and unhindered access by individuals, groups and states.

4. (1) The competent political bodies of regional institutions should promote means of enforcement of the decisions made by the organs of human rights

protection.

(2) They should not have the power to reverse the decisions reached by the regional protection bodies, but should instead seek to enforce them.

(3) The binding character of these decisions and their publication are essential.

5. The competent political bodies of regional institutions should study the possibility of creating oew organs or of enhancing the competence of existing organs of protection in the field of economic, social and cultural rights.

6. The dissemination of proper information, creation of awareness aboot existent instruments and mechanisms of human rights protection are an essential condition for human rights protection.

7. Cooperation between re-

7. Cooperation between regional institutions in the field of
human rights should be encouraged to advance mutual understanding and exchange of ideas
and experiences.

 Regional institutions should take into account human rights considerations in the formulation of their economic, social, cultural, and other policies and programmes for implementation with-

in the region.

9. The problems of racial discrimination and xenophobia with their particular manifestations in discriminatory policies regarding immigration, asylum and refugees are recognised, and require that regional instruments and institutions in concert with the Uoited Nations work to eliminate

these problems.

10. Increasing numbers of displaced persons require regional and interoational systems that guarantee protection.

11. Widespread violations of human rights under states of emergency require more comprehensive norms and guidelines to be developed for the preservation of human rights at the regional

12. Nations have sometimes deviated from oniversal buman rights standards in the name of regional particularities or religious, cultural and traditional values. In such situations universal norms should prevail.

13. Particular recent developments have underlined the vital role that non-governmental organisations play in the promotion of human rights throughout the world. It is time to formally recognise the role and status of NGOs in international and regional human rights procedures and institutions.

Issues and policies for the next decade and their implementation by national institutions

 Increasingly throughout the world, the prevailing forms of government are nominal democracies and a variety of authoritarian regimes. Authentic democracy is the form of government that allows and guarantees the full participation as well as the buman development of people. Therefore, the existence of democracy is a necessary condition for the enjoyment of human rights.

2. Intplementation of these

aghts requires the governments to adjust their political institutions and to create the conditions for political pluralism, including the free development of political parties and grassroots organisations. The subordination of the military to civilian authority, and the political participation of the people are also necessary. In other words, the authorities in a democratic government must have legitimacy with the people.

3. In countries in which there is no rule of law nor independence of the judiciary, nor legal assistance for those deprived of economic means, justice is denied. Consequently, it is of paramount importance to give priority to policies which strengtheo the judiciary and the efficiency of the administration of justice. The international system for the protection of human rights is subsidiary to the national level. A functioning independent judiciary at the oational level is the basis for the implementation of human rights.

4. National legislation, such as

national constitution, should guarantee fundamental human rights. In the absence thereof, or as a complementary measure, governments should ratify or accede to international instruments which they should theo assure are implemented. What is essential is the political will to implement international treaties and create the legal mechanisms to incorporate them into domestic legislation. The legislative bodies should take the necessary measures to facilitate the incorporation of the rights incloded in these treaties into their legislation so that they become justiciable and enforceable at the national level. The United Nations supervisory bodies should devise a system of enforcement whereby sanctions are applied to those states that become parties to, but fail to enforce treaty provisions or that render them non-self-ex-

5. In countries in which nongovernmental organisations operate freely and their activities are oot restricted by governments, human rights are better promoted and protected. Similarly states that provide for national institutions such as the post of a human rights Ombudsman evidence an attempt to enhance the protection of such fundamental rights: It is essential that such entities operate independently in the investigation of human rights violations and are able to rely on the governmental authorities for the appropriate prosecution of those alleged to be responsible. The government must provide a legal environment in which non-govemmental human rights organisations can function and obtain the necessary financing to carry out

their activities.

6. Freedom of thought, conscience and religion is a fundamental human right, Such beliefs have historically informed the content of international human rights norms. Nonetheless, belief structures should not be allowed to replace freedoms guaranteed by existing human rights standards nor be used as a pretext for the failure to implement such rights.

7. Restrictions on the media or on the access to information, or secrecy laws, or censorship or propaganda constitute a serious impediment to the exercise of basic buman rights. Therefore, governments should adopt the requisite policies to guarantee free access to information and the media, and full access to governmental information and arc-

8. Human rights abuses also occur within the family. Therefore, governments and the United Nations should address issues
concerning domestic violence,
abuse and mistreatment. It is
necessary for states to provide
guidelines, assistance, prevention, treatment and sanctions by
legal and other social means,

LETTERS

The West's arrogant hypocrisy

To The Editor:

As American warplanes once again launch an attack on what appears to be a civilian target in Iraq, one can only imagine how different things would be if Iraq could arbitrarily designate a "no-fly" zooe in the United States, enforced around the clock by radar and air patrols, or if U.N. inspection teams were authorised, over the objections of the White-House, to inspect every shred of paper in the Defence Department in preparation for the destruction of the largest arsenal of nuclear and chemical weapons in the world's history.

Of course, such a situation seems ridiculous, because it is taken for granted throughout the entire world that the U.S. makes rules from which its own institutions are exempt.

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The second example concerns the matter of population. While the Arah World (and indeed the whole southern hemisphere) is coming under tremendous political and economic pressures to curb birthrates, many industrial powers in the north are, like Israel, attempting to increase population growth rates among their own people.

Compared to the Middle East, these countries are very densely inhabited. In Germany, for example, there are about 227 people per square kilometre of land; there are 237 in the UK; 409 in the Netherlands and 253 in Israel. For comparison, there are harely 39 people for every square kilometres of land in Jordan. 74 in Syria, and a mere seven in Saudi Arabia. Morevoer, the more densely-populated industrialised nations do not have those natural resources with which God has hlessed this region and have therefore grown strong at the expense of others.

I was a member of a delegation, opposed to U.S. population imperialism, that attended the recent U.N. population conference at the Royal Cultural Centre. The heavy hand of the West was apparent at this event when our group attempted to approach delegates with written recommendations that had the approval of several other non-governmental organisations we consulted. These proposals called for limits on the collection by "international" agencies of private data and statistics about persons using birth control in Arab states, demanded an end to the practice of allocating fixed portions of aid and credit to population programaganda to influence culture with the goal of "devaluing" children. At the violation of U.N. rules, we were prohibited from sharing these proposals with delegates.

Make no mistake about it. These people are dead serious about getting rid of Arabs.

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Arafat, Mubarak meet

On Substance: Acceptance of Mr. Husseini and other Jerusalem Palestinians. Assurances that the five-year interim period of self-rule is not a reversible experiment but the first phase of a two-phase implementation of U.N. Resolution 242 requiring Israel to withdraw from the occupied Arah territor-

ies in return for peace. Mr. Musa refused to say Promises on the legislative whether Mr. Arafat agreed to powers of an elected Palestinian send the Palestinian delegation.

Palestinians head for Washington

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mity.
Overall head of the Palestinian as some 40 to 50 expellees from delegation Faisal Husseini is exthe late 1960s and early 1970s are pected in Amman Wednesday. expected to be among the first wave of "returnees" to he Faronk Al Kaddoumi, PLO inallowed back before the end of formation chief Yasser Abed Rahho and Palestinian peace "The repatriation of almost 200 negotiator Saeb Erakat are ex-

Palestinians will begin in April if all goes according to schedule," Palestine Central Council member Saleh Raafat said Tuesday. In addition to the Palestinians expelled in December, over 2,000 Palestinians, many of whom were

community leaders, were exiled by the Israeli occupation author-The only thing Israel has said about the first wave of "returnees" is that they will oot inclode

to Washingtoo crossed to Jordan Palestinians expelled during the from the West Bank early Tues-day and headed for the U.S. from intifada, said a Palestinian official in Amman oo condition of anony-

Kuwaiti comments seen as pressure

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it is not looking for assistance and they (the Gulf states) know it well," he said. In his comments to Al Hayat,

Sheikh Sabah said Kuwait waruling out normalised relations with Iraq as well as the PLO, but said he was "differentiating betweeo the Palestinian cause and the PLO and its officials led by Chairman Yasser Arafat." ...

"The people of Kuwait-suffered a lot of their hands and are so disgusted with (Mr. Arafat) that they cannot tolerate hearing his name," Sheikh Sabah was

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PLO foreign affairs chief

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Arah parties will unanimously

agree to attend the next round of

Dr. Abdul Shafi, 72, left for Washington from Tel Aviv, the

rest of the Palestinian delegation

Palestinian sources said the

ing in the bilateral talks.

Easier procedure for reunifica-

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quoted as saying. On another front, the Kuwaiti minister defended his country's apparent lifting of the Arab boycott of Israel hy saying he expected other Arah countries to do so "when their interest re-

He also asserted that "there were basic disagreements among Arab countries over the boycott of Israel when it was imposed."

"Some of them, particularly the Arah Maghreh states, did oot believe in the boycott," he said.

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King urges Muslims to end Bosnia plight

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by our obligations towards safeguarding international peace and security in accordance with the United Nations'

I do not need to reemphasise that

the continuation of the tragedy faced by the people of Bosnia and Herzego-vina is a challenge to all coexisting and peace-loving people. The terri-lory of a member of the United Nations has been occupied. It is regrettable that the aggression on this nascent nation should have been conducted by ooe of its partners of the former Yugoslavian federation; in addition, the separation process among the partners did not materialise in a peaceful and orderly manner. The regional conflict between the Serbian republic and Montenegro on the one hand, and Bosnia on the other, was characterised by practices against innocent civilians, including vomen, children, and the elderly, in addition to discrimination and ethnic cleansing. Neither statutes, principles

nor international law would avow to what has been happening. It is unfortunate that the armed conflict among the republics of former Yugoslavia, ethnic cleansing and the brutal crimes are all taking place on a background of a tensing relationship between tolerant Islam and the West.

Islam is the religion of tolerance. coexistence and fratemity. Due to both political and ethnic reasons, and aged augmented the fears some had of certain designs aimed at weakening

U.S. reaffirms commitment

the head of Jordan Information Bnreau in Washington Marwan Muasher, and member of the Jordanian negotiation team Mousa Breisat. The American side was headed by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Edward Djerejian.

Meanwhile, Palestinian officials said that Israel was offering oew proposals on self-rule to coax Palestinians back to the peace

Reoter Tuesday quoted un-identified Palestinian sources as saying Israel was offering new

to bistorical disputes, there has been ble assault on Islamic communities believe that it could be part of a wider against Islam as a religion with a universal message embodying noble. political, economic, social and cultural aspects. Israel's declared position in this respect, which calls for streng thening its alliance with the super-

and landmarks, This has led some to power to face what it has labeled as Islamie fundamentalism," has fostered such doubts. The manner in

(Continued from page 1) concrete while others are vague.
According to Reuter, U.S. sources said the new proposals

> pied territories. "There bave been unspecified promises on the issues of legislation, land and the linkage between the stages," Ghassan Al Khatih, a senior member of the tion, told Reuters in Jerusalem.

For its part Israel was not talking about any proposals. "We never discuss the substance of the negotiations," ingestures to the Palestinians. They sisted Gad Ben-An, Prime Minissaid some of the gestures were ter Yitzhak Rahin's spokesman,

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Muslims in Bosnia. Despite the appreciated efforts exerted by some regional and international powers to contain the crisis and relieve the suffering of innocent civilians, diplomatic efforts were not serious and rigorous enough. However, we have leomed the initiatives and steps taken by both the Clinton administra-

tion and the international arena. the Organisation of Islamic Conference have impressed upon the United

Nations to solve the crisis. The position taken by the Security Council was rather hesitant. Furthermore. attendon was focused on mediation efforts undertaken by Mr. Cyrus Vance and Sir David Owen in their capacity as representatives of the United Nations Secretary-General and the European Community. However, their plan has not yet met with the approval of the parties concerned. It is feared that the tripartite efforts are based on the dedication of

the de facto situation. These fears are

deepened by the reluctance in implementing United Nations Security Council measures, such as imposing a no-fly zone and an economic embargo against one of the belligerents.

This is an indication that what has been published regarding the details of the plan seems to be giving preeminence to the military superiority achieved by one of the parties. This would lead to an unstable future political settlement, a renewal of fighting and broadening of the con-

The tragic and aggravating situation on Bosnia could lead to a possible flare-up in the region. This would require deeper and more serious handling of the problem safeguarding the rights of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In conclusion, I am confident that you share my senoments and concerns for the destiny of the Muslim people of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the impact of the continuation of their tribulation on international security and stability.

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Seles beats Sanchez Vicario

the first two sets, top-ranked Monica Seles won a tiehreaker Monday night to defeat Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the featured match off the Big Bear tennis challenge exhibition.

Sanchez Vicario, ranked No. 3 in the world, then teamed with Billie Jean King to defeat Seles and Virginia Wade 6-3 in doubles. Wade had beaten King 6-3 in a senior singles match to open

the third annual charity exhibition. Andre Agassi will play John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg meets Vitas Gerulaitis in the men's singles matches. Agassi and Gerulaitis will team to play McEnroe and Borg in doubles.

Seles, winner of four of the last five Grand Slam events, dominated the opening set of her singles match with Sanchez Vicario, who was coming off a victory at Amelia Island, Florida; oo Sunday. It

COLUMBUS. Ohio (Agencies) - After splitting was Seles' first action since she was sidelined with a flu virus on Feb. 21.

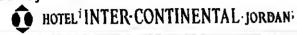
Meanwhile the opening day of the \$275,000 U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships was tinged with nostalgia Monday as two 33-year-old lefthanders with fading careers played matches on the stadiom

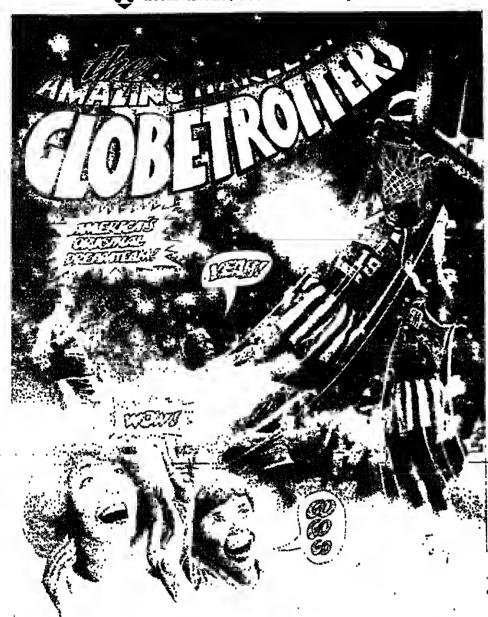
Tim Wilkison, a local favourite who retired from the tour two years ago, gave up 13 years in age to his 20-year-old opponent, qualifier Michael Joyce. The unranked Wilkison was given a wild card into the 32-man field hut lacked speed and firepower

against his fellow American, losing 6-1 6-4. In a letter match, 1990 French Open champion Andres Gomez of Ecuador, also 33 hut still the owner of a world ranking of 217, was also a loser. Gomez was beaten by 27-year-old, 100th-ranked Claudio Mezzadri of Switzerland, 6-3 7-5.

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Jordan Tennis Federation gets positive report from ITF

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — Despite the Kingdom's recent disappointing re-sults io the Asia/Ocania Zone Group 2 Davis Cup matches against Iran and Malaysia, the Jordan Tennis Federation (JTF) recently received an encouraging thombs up from the International Tennis Federa-

tion (ITF).
The official report from George Grime, the ITF referee who officiated the Jordan-Malaysia playoff matches March 26-28 seemed to be very favourable and showed that snags in organisation can be overcome with the concerted efforts of all concerned.

The referee's report points out that the lighting at the JTF courts is not adequate for interoational matches. "Although the original inten-tion was to utilise the lighting facilities for the tie, the readings were below the minimum required for a zonal tie, and so the starting times were brought

forward to allow a full day's play in daylight," the report

Another fact pointed out by the report is that only one of the local referees, Ahhas Aho Awad, had an ITF certificatioo. To avoid any unwanted mishaps, Aho Awad, who is the most seasoned referee in Jordan and who holds an ITF White Badge, officiated three matches. It is therefore hoped that more referees will seek ITF certification, a fact that will surely serve players and the advancement of the game

in geoeral. The report mentioned that line judges, and ball boys had been well-trained prior to the tie, and worked well throughout the tie.

The report also drew the JTF's attention to the fact that the Malaysian team's dressing room at the court was the only one with toilets, which resulted in "infringement of privacy by everyone. However, the visiting team's captain showed

understanding of the situation. Appropriate facilities should be considered for any future tie at this locacion."

Jordan was relegated to Group 3 after it's 5-0 loss to Iran and 4-1 loss to Malaysia. The team mainly depended on two players, the country's top two players, Hani Al Ali, and Imad Abu Hamda.

It remains to be said that the JTF will hopefully now direct its attention to preparing a younger generation of players so that the whole burden of training, matches, the hard lessons to be learnt from losing players.

ing on this approach and has recently approved the parti-cipation of the youth's team in the eighth Arab Youth Tennis Tournament due to be held in Cairo Aug. 20-26. The JTF also plans to host a similar tournament for the same age group next year.

and the joys of winning will be shared by a larger number of The JTF seems to be work-

U-22 basketball team prepares for Asian competition, secures sponsorship

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Kingdom's under-22 national hasketball team, which will be participating in the Asian Youth Baskethall Championship has received full hacking from a sponsor, and will soon be leaving for Hong Kong to take part in the competition which begins April 21.

The Shaheen Business Groop, has undertaken the sponsorship of the team which



will be playing in Group 3 against Iran and Japan April 22 and 23. If they win these two matches they will theo face the winners of the other groups. Group 1 comprises oorth Korea, Singapore, Macau and Hong Kong. Group 2 includes the Philippines, Malaysia and Sri Lanka, while Group 4 in-cludes Taipei, Iodia aod Kuwait.

The team is coached by the Jordan Basketball Federatioo's Russian coach, who previously coached the Iranian team-a fact that will be helpful as the Kingdom's team will face their Iranian couoterparts in the qualifying round. The coach's assistant is one of the Kingdom's best players for the past decade - Imad Al Saeed.

The team includes players Marwan Al Saeedi, Moham-mad Al Shamali, Ramez Hammoodeh, Mudar Barakat, Mustafa Al Ghoul, Ziyad Al Nahulsi, Mohammad Hamzeh, Ghaith Ennabi, Anwar Haddad, Yousef Abu Baker, Raed Jaber, Naser' Alawneh and Maher Zuhdi.

The team has had friendly



Ghaith Ennabi

matches against other local teams and had a training camp in Aqaba during the Eid. However, the JBF has so far failed to provide the team with a match against a foreign national team or a match abroad.

Members of the U-22 team. however play in their respective clobs' first division teams. This is a positive fact, as they have played and seen top-level hasketball for the past 3 years.

Scherbo under the microscope

fitness and the preparation of the exhibitions in the United States. 21-year-old from Belarus as be "So many towns, so many perseeks to add World Chamformances," he said. piooships laurels to his goldeo haul in Spain.

the weekend, while one of his for Scherbo to resist. coaches said: "Not even Vitaly

There are doubts about the centred around money-spinning

But the temptation to compete for his homeland cow that the "I have had only two weeks to unified team of last year has prepare for this," Scherbo said at ceased to exist proved too strong

The splintering of the old Soviet Union has led to a big increase in the number of gymnasts taking part here as 10 of the separate republics are now competing under their own hanners. The competitors from 62 coun-

tries will have new rules to contend with following changes aimed at comping with the io-creased physical demands of the sport.

One result of the revamping may be to curh the rash of perfect 10.0 scores awarded at former

Scherbo, who woo team and

BIRMINGHAM (R) — Vitaly Scherbo, who collected six gold medals at the Barcelona Olympics, will be under the microscope at the World Gymnastics Championships this week.

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own republics.

Grigory Misutin of Ukraine won four silver medals in Barcelona while team mate Igor Korobchinsky, three-times world champioo oo the floor, will seek to make up for a poor Barcelona performance.

Apart from the team gold, he won only oce apparatus medal, a Bronze oo the parallel bars. Just as Scherbo is favoured

among the men, so is American Shannon Miller the choice among the women after her oarrow failure to take the all-round title in Barcelona from Tatiana Gutsu of Ukraine, who has retired.

Miller lost that title on Gutsu's final vault hy one-tenth of a point.

Traditionally strong Romania. who produced such past champions as Nadia Comaneci, have Olympic overall bronze medallist Lavinia Milosovici back to try to. improve on that result.

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count eight tricks once the ace of clubs is knocked out. The fulfilling trick can come from either red suit—a simple finesse in diamonds, or guessing which way to take the heart finesse. Those declarers who are content

with the surface possibilities would win the first spade, force ou! the ace of clubs, win the spade continuation and take the heart finesse into East. That protects against West having started with five spades and the queeo of hearts. When East gathers in the queen, declarar can still fall back on the diamond finesse. A reasonable ima, but as the cards lie, the contract falls short a trick. The technician wins the first

spade and forces out the ace of clubs. After winning the spade return, declarer cashes just enough clubs to exhaust the enemy's cards in the suit. Then declarer simply axits with a spade.

As expected, West must win and can cash one or two spades—it makes no difference. But then West must lead a red suit and, no matter which the defender chooses. South scores an extra trick in that suit.

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY APRIL 14, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A pretty good day and evening for putting an unusual plan in motion. This remarkable course of action can impress others and bring business success and pleasure. A romantic desire is starting to seem more realistic.

ARTES: (March 21 to April 19) You find ways to gel your ideas across to others so you can have a chance to succeed through them early but later an anxiety can take

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Privately arrange a money deal that can bring you more security and then you would be wise to avoid taking the advice of a disgrunted person. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You can depend upon a good friend who is mentally brilliant to help

you out from under a complex situation, later you can join a social group that helps the distressed. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Get suggestions from a bigwig on how you can gain an aim that means much to you but later sidestep a newcomer who tries to gain your sympathy.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Go to a friend to some new site where the two of you can gaio an advanced information you can use wisely, after which don't get in a hassle

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Think about what will increase

your operative skill as the day begins so the future is easier, later don't encourage a whining out-

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Consider how to wow a new-comer with your find sense of humor and the two of you get closer white later don't take constructs the heaf of an associate. seriously the beef of an associate.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You see ways to get more benefits from the various activities in which you engage in so go after them, later expensive pleasures pur you behind the eight ball. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Join with a partner at a amusement at which you can discuss future plans in harmony

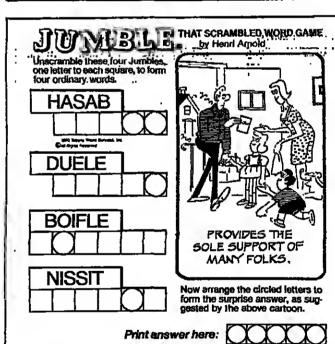
after which avoid the temptation to argue with a family member. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You find you cao make your home much more attractive by putting more attention there while later its wise 10 use much care on the highway.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You are able to contact one who brings you much pleasure and arrange a pleasant meeting so do so early, afterwards don't be extra-

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) The daytime is fine for discus-siog future money matters with your household so come to a new practical understanding, then retire within yourself.



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The Bank of France lowered its emergency repurchase rate, which forms the eciling for wholesale money market rates, to 10 per cent from the 12 per cent level imposed to defend the franc during the campaign for last month's general elections.

The vote swept the Socialists from power and gave the centre-right a powerful ruling majority. The new government has promised pro-business measures, including emergency spending on building and public works.

hdra_{₩å} Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said the rate cut reflected financial markets' confidence in his government's plan to pull the

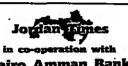
quarter of 1992, out of its slump. "I am convinced that interest rates will continue to fall in the days to come," Economy Minister Edmond Alphandery said.

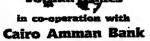
The rate cut boosted French stocks and bond prices. The Paris bourse's CAC-40 stock index vaulted over the key 2,000-point level, rising by 1.1 per cent of more than 2,010 by mid-morning.

Mr. Balladur noted that since he was appointed on March 29, the rate on three-month loans had fallen by more than 1.5 percentage points to nine per cent, cutting the gap with German rates in half.

The central bank said it was able to cut the official rate because of the firmness of the franc against the German mark and the decline in money market interest rates, which bad already fallen below 10 per cent.

Financial Markets





| Сигтемсу | | New York Close Data 12/4/1993 | Tokyo Close , Data 13/4/1993 |
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| Sterling Pound* | • | · 1.5465 | 1.5453 |
| Deutsche Mark | | 1.5920 | 1.5947 |
| Swiss Franc | | 1.4630 | 1 ,4658 |
| French Franc | : | 5.3915 | 5.3863 ** |
| Japanese Yen | | 112.75 | 113.33 |
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| Eurocurrency Interest Rates | | Date: 13/4/1993 | | | |
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| Currency | 1 MTH | 3 MTHS | 6 MTHS | 12 MTHS | |
| U.S. Doliar | 3.06 | 3.13 | 3.18 | 3.43 | |
| Sterling Pound | 5_62 | 5_62 | 5.62 | 5.75 | |
| Deutsche Mark | 8.18 | 7.87 | 7.37 | 6.68 | |
| Swiss Franc | 5.06 | 4.93 | 4.75 | 4.43 | |
| French Franc | 9.00 | 8.75 | 8.37 | 7.87 | |
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| U.S. Dollar | 0_6860 | 0.5880 |
| Sterling Pound | 1.0583 | 1.0636 |
| Deutsche Mark | 0.4297 | 0.4318 |
| Swiss Franc | 0.4678 | 0_4701 |
| French Franc | 0.1270 | 0.1276 |
| Japanese Yen* | 0.6035 | 0.6065 |
| Dutch Guilder | 0.3825 | 0.3844 |
| Swedish Krona | 0.0908 | 0.0913 |
| Italian Lira* | 0.0439 | 0.0441 |
| Belgian Franc | 0.02089 | 0.02099 |

| Other Currencies | Date: 3/4/199 | | | |
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| Сигтелсу | Bid | Offer | | |
| Babrahi Dinar | 1.8010 | 1.8400 | | |
| Lebanese Lira ⁴ | 0.03865 | 0.04050 | | |
| Saudi Riyal | 0.1826 | 0.1841 | | |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 2.2300 | 2.2500 | | |
| Qatari Riyal | 0.1859 | _0.1880 | | |
| Egyptian Pound | 0.1950 | 0.2180 | | |
| Omani Riyal | 1.7520 | 1.7800 | | |
| UAE Dirham | 0.1859 | 0.1880 | | |
| Creek Prachma® | 0.3135 | 0.3345 | | |
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| All-Share | 194.37 | 193.88 |
| Banking Sector | 135.23 | 134.76 |
| Insurance Sector | 214.46 | 214.01 |
| Industry Sector | 276.34 | 276.16 |
| Services Sector | 255.84 | 253.14 |

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

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U.N. body predicts growing unemployment in ex-East Bloc

GENEVA (R) — United Nations existed under the old system, a analysts Wednesday predicted surge in the numbers losing their growing unemployment across the former communist countries of Europe in 1993 and urged the West to focus aid on preserving popular support for reform.

The analysts, from the U.N.'s Economie Commission for Europe (ECE), also called on Western governments to keep their markets open for goods from the East and use trade as a stimulus for recovery in both sides of the continent

In all the former communist economies "unemployment is expected to start rising rapidly as privatisation gets under way and bankruptcy laws are brought into effect." the ECE said in its annual economie survey of

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surge in the numbers losing their jobs "would inevitably increase the dangers of social and political instability," the ECE declared.

The survey said overall output had declined by an average 10 per cent across eastern Europe in 1992, bringing the aggregate fall since the revolutions of 1989 to 30 per cent.

said, the slump in production had accelerated to some 20 per cent, double the figure for 1991 and bringing the total drop since 1989 to 35 per cent. The ECE said unemployment

In the former Soviet Union, it

in western Europe, standing at around 10 per cent at the end of last year, was also likely to rise significantly in 1993.

In the East, unemployment had severely undermined earlier widespread support for the radic-

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al political and economic change under way over the last four years, the U.N. agency declared.

At the end of 1992, some 6.5, million people were registered as unemployed in eastern and central Europe, with a further one million in the former Soviet Union.

Bnt these figures were almost certainly too low and masked "labour hoarding" in state industries - retaining workers with little to do. In Russia, according to the

ECE, the number of people officially classified as living in poverty, or below the minimum subsistence income, more than doubled in 1992 and now included 29 per cent of the population of some 150 million.

The survey was issued on the eve of a meeting in Tokyo on April 14-15 — to be followed by a summit in July — of foreign and finance ministers of the Group of Seven too industrial countries at which aid to Russia will be high

on the agenda.

It was compiled before a sum mit in Vancouver earlier this month at which U.S. President Bill Clinton promised Russian President Boris Yeltsin an aid package worth \$1.6 billion.

The survey said there had been signs in 1992 that the decline in former Soviet allied states was beginning to bottom out and that in three - Poland, Hungary and the former Czechoslovakia - recovery had begun.

This bad been largely fuelled by growth in exports to western Europe encouraged by agreements with the European Community (EC) and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

But recent EC action against steel imports from eastern Europe and other Western trade restrictions "not only put that recovery at risk but also threaten to undermine the reform programmes as well," the survey de-

Arab investment agency needs more capital

DAMASCUS (R) — The head of the Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation (AIGC) said Tuesday it needed greater financial resources to meet demands on it exceeding \$1.1 billion.

AIGC Director General Ma-'moun Ibrahim Hassan told Reuters in an interview the resources of the corporation, which guarantees Arab investors against political and military risks in Arab countries, were \$187 million.

Lack of capital had forced it to stop operations in some Arab countries, he said,

Mr. Hassan, in Damascus for the annual meetings of Arab development funds and financial institutions starting Tuesday, said AIGC had suffered from a shortage of finance since 1988.

The Kuwait-based corporation was established in 1975 to encourage Arab investment in Arabcountries by providing guarantees against the risk of wars, confiscation, nationalisation, civil wars, comps and other risks resulting from political or economie

Mr. Hassan said studies prepared for the establishment of the corporation had suggested a capital requirement of \$350 million but only \$76.5 million was

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He said under its regulations AIGC could extend guarantees up to \$936 million with its current resources. Operations in any country should not exceed \$187.2

"Requests for guarantees in some Arab countries have exceeded the ceiling and this has forced the corporation to stop its activities in them," he said. He did not name the countries.

He said the burden on the corporation increased after a special \$500 million fund was set up to encourage trade among Arab counties. All operations by the fund require AIGC guarantees.

Mr. Hassan said demand on AIGC could rise to billions of dollars once it began accepting all requests when its capital was in-

Japan approves stimulus package to double growth

mie ministers Tuesday approved a 13.2 trillion ven (\$117 billion) economie stimulative package which they hope will double the growth rate and slash the country's trade surplus.

Investors showed their approval by sending Tokyo stocks soaring by 4.32 per cent. The Nikkei stock average closed above the 20,000 level for the first time since March 1992.

"The effect of the stimulus package will not start showing up until summer but investors are buying now, fearing it may be too late after the measures start bearing fruit," said Kenzo Doi at Kokusai Securities.

The government's largest-ever such package was in line with proposals the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) had unveiled earlier in the day.

This is the third economic boost the government has administered to the sluggish economy and follows a 10.7 trillion yen (\$95 billion) package unveiled

Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, head of a special LDP task force set up to shake the economy out of the doldrums, told a news conference the package would ensure economie growth of 3.3 per cent in the fiscal year starting this month,

against estimated growth of less than 1.6 per cent in 1992/1993. The new package included 10.6 trillion yen (\$94.1 billion) for public works, compared with 8,6 trillion yen (\$76.3 billion) for

package. This 10.6 trillion includes 1,1 trillion yen (\$9.7 billion) to im-

public works in the August

facilities and utilities in what the LDP called a new spirit of focusing on "education, electronics and ecology."

As expected, the package also includes tax breaks for housing. education and capital investment totalling 170 billion yen (\$1.5

billion). Through the package, Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa hopes to stimulate the economy, boost his sagging popularity and increase imports to offset rising foreign anger over Japan's record trade surplus, which hit \$111.34 billion

in the year ended March 31. Mr. Miyazawa leaves for Washington Thursday and is due to meet President Bill Clinton Friday. The two are expected to discuss Japan's trade surplus with the United States.

"There are positive signs in parts of the economy, but it is still in a severe condition and there is concern that the recent sharp appreciation of the ven will have a major impact," the LDP said in a statement announcing the

The yen hit a record high of 112.60 against the dollar

Tuesday.

The LDP wants the government to complete a supplementary budget needed to put the package into effect in a cou-ple of weeks, Mr. Mitsuzuka said. "We want parliamentary approval of the supplementary

budget as soon as possible after the holiday season (from late April to early May)," he said. This will require cooperation

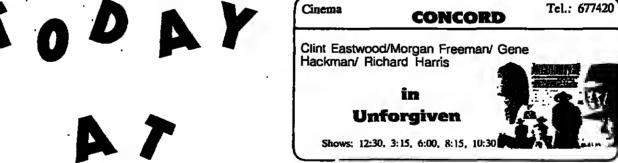
from opposition parties who have the power to delay the bill.

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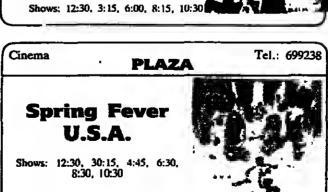


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Hanoi rejects report of secret document on American PoWs

HANOI (R) - Vietnam Tuesday flatly rejected a report suggesting that it lied over the number of American prisoners it was holding shortly before the U.S. withdrawal from Indochina in 1973. It also denied it was still hold-

ing any prisoners.
"Vietnam totally denies that ill-intentioned fabrication," the Foreign Ministry said in a state-

"The truth is that in 1973, after the Paris (peace) agreements were signed. Vietnam returned all American prisoners captured

The issue, which flared up with discloslure of a document found in Moscow archives and said to be from the North Vietnamese army, looked likely to delay efforts to reconcile Hanoi and Washington 18 years after the Vietnam war ended.

The New York Times reported Monday that a 1972 report to the Soviet Communist Party politburo by a North Vietnamese general said Hanoi was holding hundreds more prisoners than ir acknowledged - 1,205 when officials were saying the number was

The ministry said that in searches for U.S. servicemen missing in the 11-year war, over 500 sets of remains had been returned to the United States.

Experts bad investigated more than 70 "live sighting reports" — instances in which someone thought he or she saw an American - and I35 "discrepancy cases," on which there was con-flicting evidence.

Vietnam," the statement said. "This reality proves that the report published in the New York

Vietnamese officials said the purported North Vietnamese report was a fresb instance of U.S. groups opposed to U.S.-Vietnamese reconciliation trying

"Hostile circles in the U.S. want to raise issues to obstruct the administration easing U.S. sanctions against Vietnam in international financial organisations." one said

In Washington, U.S. officials said it would be the first issue raised by a senior U.S. envoy, General John Vessey, in two days of talks with Vietnamese officials

Vietnamese government sources said the general reported to have written the document. General Tran Van Quang, could not have done so because he was commander of a military zone in central Vietnam in 1972 and was not a position to make a comprehensive report about American prisoners.

Gen. Quang, now head of the An official at the association comes out ... in order to obstruct the process of normalisation of relations between the two coun-

President Bill Clinton has continued a policy of previous administrations, setting as a condition for lifting the 29-year-old U.S. economic embargo against Hanoi the fullest possible accounting of

missing Americans. But Mr. Clinton is also under pressure from business groups and most of Washington's Westponded to other reports of a

the New York Times he believed States expected to be returned it was likely Vietnam shot "bun- and dred of American officers," in a — What he called "the Katyn-Vietnam war massacre like the like classification system." Katyn Woods slaughter of World War II.

Mr. Brzezinski told the discoverer of a newly found docu- Brzezinski, an expert on Soviet ment which suggests that Hanoi affairs. "And here you have the held 1,205 U.S. prisoners of war same kind of ominous pattern, in 1972 — three times more than with prisoners being classified it ever admitted to having - that according to their degree of inhe thought the document was transigence in refusing to conauthentic, the Times said in Tues- demn the war. They say the

The former Carter administra- which explains their attitude." tion official told the newspaper that after studying the document, Vietnam concealed the existence which was found by researcher of the PoWs after the peace Stephen Morris in Communist Party archives in Moscow, he the United States would renew believed that "the great likeli- fighting, or because Hanoi planhood is that the Vietnamese took ned to seek financial reparations, hundreds of American officers the Times said. out and sbot them in cold blood, in a massacre like the one in the

small that any more than a few might bave been kept alive until He was referring to the World now," be said.

U.N. brings aid, makes new bid to evacuate Srebrenica refugees

SARAJEVO (R) — United Nations officials made a new attempt to evacuate Muslims from Srebrenica Tuesday and strongly criticised the Serbs whom they blame for killing 56 people in an artillery barrage on the Bosman town.

As aid trucks reached the besieged town, a spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said the organisation's food stocks in former Yugoslavia were almost exhausted and aid convoys into Bosnia-Herzegovina might be suspended.

*Unless something is done about it, we're going to run out in a few days," said UNHCR spokeswoman Sylvana Foa in Geneva. A NATO spokesman in Vicen-

za, northern Italy, said alliance fighters flew 30 sorties over Bosma Monday, the first day of enforcing a U.N. no-fly zone over the former Yugoslav Republic. In Sarajevo, UNHCR officials

lasbed the Bosnian Serbs for their role in the attack on Srebrenica which erupted minutes after the operation to police the air exclusion zone began.

But the deputy commander of the Bosnian Serb army, General Milan Gvero, accused Srebrenica's Muslim defenders of improvising the explosions to convince the U.N. the Serbs bad shelled the town, which is in eastern Bosnia.

"The Muslims' intention is to focus media attention on Srebrenica and present it to the world as a place under threat by the Serbs," be told Reuters.

Srebrenica was quiet overnight and on Tuesday morning, U.N. officials said, but they were in no doubt about who carried out-Monday's attack, which they said also seriously wounded 73. UNHCR spokesman John

MacMillan said; "In their apparently pathological drive to acquire territory the Serbs are teriorating despite promises that willing to kill anybody to achieve a political solution will be pur-

A Dutch F-16 jet fighter prepares to take off from the Italian base in Villafrance to cross into Bosnia airspace in the first direct Western ulitary intervention in the republic's year-old communal war (AFP sued," the letter said.
Mr. Frewer said UNPROFOR their ends. Larry Hollingworth, UNHCR

chief of operations in Sarajevo, who has visited Srehrenica, said: 'I hope that the military commander who ordered the firing on shortly before the Serb bombard-Srebrenica burns in the bottest corner of bell. Recent U.N. attempts to this.

evacuate refugees have failed because authorities have insisted on the use of covered trucks after stones were thrown at a recent

convoy, injuring six women. Tuesday's convoy went in with covered trucks and it was hoped to continue the operation in which the U.N. hopes to bring out 15,000 people from Srebreni-

U.N. Protection Force spokesman Barry Frewer said UNPRO-FOR Commander General Lars-Eric Wahlgren bad written to Bosnian Serb political leader Radovan Karadzic expressing revulsion and outrage at the attack

on Srebrenica. This is a disastrous development for a situation rapidly de-

kilometres from Johannesburg.

He was ordered held in custody

pending investigations. The pro-

secution said it would have its

case prepared by May 12.

bustled the man into bis car.

Police spokesman Brigardier Frans Malherbe said the man.

who bad a foreign accent, had

drawn "a small little pistol" dur-

ing the row. He was not arrested

and ordered to leave the area.

gun from the window of his pick-

Another white man waved a

had evidence Bosnian forces in Srebrenica had fired tank rounds at Serb positions outside town ment but Mr. MacMillan said there was no firm evidence of

In Paris, French Defence Minister Francois Leotard confirmed the commander of U.N. forces in Bosnia, General Philippe Morillon, would be recalled by the end of the month.

Asked by an Europe 1 Radio interviewer wbether Gen. Morillon would still be in his post in May, Mr. Leotard said: "No." He said the recall was a routine matter and denied that Gen.

Morillon was being disciplined for having taken initiatives to rescue the besieged Muslim population of Srebrenica without consulting the military hierarchy.

Mr. Leotard rejected an appeal by intellectual Andre Gluck-smann to keep Gen. Morillon in place as a gesture of support for his bumanitarian action in former Yugoslavia.

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Raisa Gorbachev in hospital

RICHMOND, Virginia (R) Former Soviet first lady Raisi Gorbachev checked herself into hospital here Monday complaining of fatigue as her husband; ex-President Mikhail Gorbachev abruptly cancelled a local trip; After undergoing exams and confering with doctors, Mrs. Gonbachev left the hospital, officials said. Mrs. Gorbachev, accompanying her husband on a fiveday U.S. speaking tour which began Saturday, checked into the Medical College of Virginia Hose pital for exams, a bospital spokes woman said. "Mrs. Gorbachen bas had a history of high blood pressure for which she has been

cated man climbed the outside of Sabirov, 22, was spotted shortly after midnight by passers-by on the 16th century cathedral yelling Vladimir Zubkov, a police spokesman. Mr. Sabirov was removed from St. Basil's by fire-fighters, then detained by Red Square Police, Mr. Zubkov said. He was turned over to city police and sentenced to five days in jail for hooliganism. Mr. Zubkov

SAINT-TROPEZ, France (R) ---The husband of Actress Brigitte

Thieves steal everything, including

LONDON (R) — Industrious thieves looted a luxury British bome while the Burglar alarm was switched off and stole goods worth about £10,000 (\$15,180) including the kitchen sink, police said. The robbers completely gut-ted the unoccupied £250,000 (\$379.600) house in southwestern England. They carted away kitchen units, skirting boards, doors, radiators and two batbroom suites, including baths, toilets and bidets. The security alarm was switched off after neighbours complain. The house was empty while the owner was on holiday

Policewoman fired

MANILA (R) — A Philippines policewoman was fired after her superiors discovered she bad left the country to work as a bousemaid in Saudi Arabia. Master Sergeant Tessie Quibuyen had been missing since February when she failed to report for her new assignment at National Police Headquarters, a police spokesman said. Police Chief Raul Imperial sacked her after labour officials told him she was now working in Saudi Arabia as a maid. A master sergeant in the Philippines earns about \$150 a month hut Filipinos working as maids in the Middle East can cam more than twice that.

Euro Disney celebrates 1st birthday

PARIS (R) - Euro Disneyland. the giant theme park outside Paris, celebrated its first birthday by turning its magic castle into a buge strawberry cake as 60,000 hours to use its attractions. Philippe Bourguignon, the company's new French chairman, declared the entertainment park 1 roaring commercial success despite forecasting a substantial loss this year and trouble with its real estate development plan.

evidence of any American prisoners being held or living freely in

limes is without foundation." Vietnam has long maintained it had freed all the Americans captured during the war with the release of 591 U.S. prisoners in operation bomecoming" in

10 derail the process.

next weekend.

Vietnam Veterans' Association, was not available for comment. said of the report attributed to

Mr. Brzezinski noted that he had no concrete evidence to support his belief the U.S. prisoners were massacred. He said he was struck by three things in the document: - Its style, which corres-

ern allies to lift the sanctions. Former U.S. National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski told

day editions.

Katyn Woods."

Yeltsin, in Siberia, pledges firmer reform

4,500 Polish officers were killed

in a forest near Smolensk.

Mikhail Gorbachev admitted in

1990 that the Soviet secret police

— The number 1,205, which he

said corresponded to the approxi-

mate number of men the United

"At the Katyn Woods they specially selected members of the

Polish aristocracy," said Mr.

officers come from rich families.

Mr. Brzezinski speculated that Vietnam concealed the existence

agreement because they feared

"I think the chances are very

were responsible

milar nature.

MOSCOW (R)-President Boris Yeltsin flew to a Siberian coalmining centre Tuesday and pledged to pursue reforms with greater determination if he wins a key referendum on April 25.

"If the people shows trust in us, we will carry out a firmer reform policy," be told reporters on arrival in Novokuznetsk. "I am also thinking, but to a lesser extent, about the fact that my personal fate is being decided on April 25."

Mr. Yeltsin, 62, declined to forecast the results of the referendum, which includes questions on confidence in him and his economic policy and on early elections for both the presidency and the rival parliament.

Mr. Yeltsin, visiting Russia's main coalfield to drum up support in advance of the referendum, said the government was preparing a programme fo social measures for coal-miners.

Meanwhile Parliamentary Chairman Ruslan Khasbulatov said Tuesday that the Russian parliament would never ratify the START-2 disarmament treaty while Andrei Kozyrev remained foreign minister.

Hani suspect appears in court - A white right-winger accused of shooting dead black South Africati leader Chris Hani appeared in court Tuesday and was remanded in custody until

An African National Congress (ANC) leader urged 800 blacks gathered near Boksburg Magistrates' Court, where Polish immigrant Janusz Walus made a three-minute appearance, not to vent their anger on whites.

"It may have been the hand of a white male that slaughtered him but it was the eyes of a white woman who helped us catch this bastard," said ANC activist Tokyo Sexwale, referring to a witness whose report led to the arrest of Mr. Walus.

can be pointed to and said he started a racial war," Mr. Sexwale said. He added there would be a national work stayaway Wednesday to be called "the Day of Hani." Anger at the shooting of South

"Make sure no-one among us

African Communist Party leader Hani ontside his home has led to attacks on whites. Four bave been killed since he was shot Saturday. Mr. Walus, 40, was not formal-

ly charged during the hearing 40 called for speedy resolution of the arrests.

not Hani's bouse." He was also bundled away by police. Mr. Sexwale said Mr. Hani's death must mark the beginning of

a process that would bring to an end white minority rule. "If the death doesn't undo apartheid ... we have failed. Even after all of this, if it becomes business as usual. We must all

resign," Mr. Sexwale said before the crowd broke away for a vigil

the killing of Mr. Hani, a former ANC guerrilla leader idolised by millions of blacks. Police announced even before

case to defuse the outrage over

There was a brief flurry outside Mr. Walus appeared in court that the court — ringed by heavily-armed police — when a white he had been found with the murder weapon. He also had a hit-list man pulled a gun during an appaof up to nine names including that rept argument with a photoof Mr. Hani. grapher. Police intervened and Brig. Malherbe told reporters

the list named black and white politicians mainly from the National Party, the ANC, and the SACP. People in the media were also named, be said. He refused to give details but said all had been offered protection.

South African right-wing extremist Eugene Terre Blanche up truck and shonted: 'This is told state television Mr. Walus was a member of bis Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) who had joined his para-military group in 1986.

Meanwhile, a South African. court withdrew charges Tuesday against 27 of 74 men accused of involvement. in last year's Boipatong massacre.

A Supreme Court Judge adjourned the hearing against the remaining 47 until May 10 after on the courthouse steps.

President F.W. De Klerk has

defence lawyers asked for more time to study details of recent

Jittery Los Angeles awaits verdict from streets

LOS ANGELES (R) - A jury deliberating charges against four police officers bas Los Angeles on edge, but it is the verdict of the angry young men in the city's South Central slums that may determine whether last year's riot is repeated.

The jury must decide whether the white policemen violated the civil rights of black motorist Rodney King when they beat and kicked him following his arrest after a car chase. A witness filmed the beating on video and it was later televised.

The federal jury of nine wbites, two hlacks and one Hispanic deliberated for a third day Monday. Experts have predicted it could take a week or more for the jury to arrive at a decision.

Following the acquittal of the four in a suburban state trial last year, rioting took the lives of 53 people in Los Angeles and caused \$1 billion in damages - most of ir in the city's impoverished South Central neighbourhood.

At the corner of Florence and Normandy — ground zero for last year's explosion of rioting poor black and Hispanic residents braced for the outcome of the second trial. Some threatened to take to

those and other streets in another spree of looting and violence if the jury acquits the officers. "If they tell us there ain't no justice for black people, it's gonna be worse than last time," said Ronald Green, 31, as he sat sipping wine outside a decaying

one-storey bouse. "We ain't tak-

ing no prisoners."

A muscular youth nods in agreement, but another standing nearby said it was all talk. "Whatever the verdict is, nobody's gonna start anything," he said. "People in the community are just sick and tired of all the

It is the kind of argument between neighbours that could make all the difference for South Central.

Police intend to mount a huge show of force to prevent rioting once the verdicts are returned -6,500 officers on the streets by then. Hundreds of National Guards are also being deployed, with many more in reserve. But they acknowledge they

cannot be everywhere at once. Stark reminders of the 1992 riots remain. Blocks of small stores damaged in the rioting remain scorched and shuttered. Residents believe many burnt-out businesses will never return.

Despite promises, little has been done to relieve the tensions and frustrations that helped ignited the worst urban riots in modern U.S. history. Inner-city unemployment approaches 50 per cent, crack cocaine is sold openly and gangs have many law-abiding citizens living in terror.

If trouble starts after the verdicts, some believe street gangs will be at the centre of it. They are believed to be better armed after looting gunshops during last year's riots. ear's nots.
"We are more organised than

you think we are, and we bave more firepower than you think we have." a young black caller told Police Chief Willie Williams

during a radio call-in show. Some gang members bave threatened to invade the city's wealthy white suburbs instead of say they bave found no evidence of such plans.

finished their training and made contingency plans. Municipal and church leaders have spread a message of peace in speeches and sermons. Marches and demonstrations have been organised. Now, cities across the United States and Canada can only wait and bope there will be no violent backlasb as a federal jury in Los Angeles decides the fate of the

"We've been working to encourage people to be peaceful... We're just kind of keeping our fingers crossed," said Lulann McGriff, president of the San Francisco branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP).

four white policemen.

However, Ms. McGriff said she felt there was more tension than after the first King trial last year, partly caused by irresponsible media coverage. If the officers are acquitted, it would lead to a lot of frustration and further undermine faith in the justice system, she told Reuters.

Apart from the death and destruction in Los Angeles, cities as diverse as San Francisco, Las Vegas, Seattle, Atlanta and Toronto in Canada also had disturbances last year.

went on a rampage after the verdict, causing \$1.5 million of woman said.

damage, has put its faith in a two-pronged strategy this time. The police will be on full alert, but city officials bave also worked hitting their own areas, but police to improve contacts with minority

communities to defuse tension. We are not anticipating any U.S. Police Departments bave riots, but we will be prepared, said Police Department spokeswoman Suzanne Trazoff in New York City, where only minor, scattered incidents of violence were reported after the verdict.

Ms. Trazoff said New York Police would get a three-hour warning from Los Angeles anthorities before the verdict is made public. They would be ready to shift street officers to any trouble spots and hold them overtime if the verdict comes in at the end of their shifts.

The Atlanta Police Department made a special effort to put more officers on the beat beginning Monday to deter possible trouble and set up a telephone hot line for citizens to report and check rumours related to the King case.

In Seattle, 1,200 miles (1,900 km) north of Los Angeles, the second King trial has reawakened concerns about racial prejudice and civil disturbances in a largely white city whose black mayor, Norm Rice, often set a tone of racial harmony.

in the U.S. capital - calm after last year's verdict - neither Washington nor U.S. Park Police were making special preparatisus for possible unrest. "We don't San Francisco, where looters anticipate having any problems,"

treated for in Russia. Drunken climber arrested on Moscow cathedral MOSCOW (AP) - An intoxi-St. Basil's Cathedral got stuck between two of the landmark's famed onion domes, and had to be rescued by the fire depart-ment, authorities said. Sergei for someone to help him, said

Bardot's husband to run for mayor of Saint-Tropez

Bardot, Bernard D'Ormale, is planning to run for mayor of the trendy French Riviera resort of Saint-Tropez. Mr. D'Ormale, close to extreme right National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, told the Nice-Matin newspaper he wanted an "apolitical" local campaign, to restore to Saint-Tropez a "festive mood it bad in the sixties." The resort is renowned for its topless beaches. Mr. D'Ormale was quoted as saying he all this fuss." Bardot, 58, a screen sex goddess in the sixties, married Mr. D'Ormale, her fourth huse. band, last year.

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kitchen sink

after spending six months in hospital after a heart attack.

for working as housemaid

"guests" queued for up to two

Clinton walks fine line in clash with Republicans

WASHINGTON (R) - President Bill Clinton is talking tough with Republicans in hopes of overcoming a political stand-off in Congress that threatens his \$16.3 billion jobs programme.

But his apparent willingness also to seek a compromise is encouraging some Washington insiders to recall former President George Bush's charge during last year's campaign that Mr. Clinton waffles in a pinch. Other see his

tactics as good politics. In his harshest attack yet, Mr. Clinton Monday accused his Republican foes of making America's children "bostages" in the political fight because \$300 million of the money in the stimules

programme would be used to immunise voungsters. More tough talk was expected Tuesday night when Mr. Clinton speaks on the country's economic problems at the U.S. Chamber of

Commerce Headquarters in Washington. On Monday, Mr. Clinton, pointing at children gathered on the White House lawn for an annual Easter egg roll, said, "look out there at those kids.

They are the hostages of the

Senate filibuster." Republicans in the Senate are using a legislative stalling tactic known as a filibuster, by which one party or group of legislators can hold up the passage of a bill by refusing to yield the floor

indefinitely.

The Republicans contend that much of the money in the stimulus bill would pay for so-called "pork harrel" projects and do little 10 create jobs in a \$6 trillion "Pork barrel" is slang for the

distribution of government

appropriations according to polincal patronage. Senate Republican leader Bob Dole shot back, "it's a shame President Clinton has resorted to using the children at the Easter egg hunt as a partisan political hackdrop to hatch a new excuse

for his so-called stimulus pack-In a statement issued by his office Sen. Dole said Mr. Clinton should tell the children "that he wants to saddle them with bigger deficits instead of paying for this new immunisation spending" and

other elements of his stimulus When asked if he would revise the plan to meet Republican objections. Mr. Clinton said: "Let's not talk about comprom-

"This is about whether you want to reduce the unemployment rate in America by another half a percentage point for a very modest amount, and they don't ... they want more people to stay

out of work," he said. A short time later, however, White House spokesman George Stephanopoulos told reporters: "If it's going to take certain adjustments to spring the jobs bill he (Clinton) is prepared to make

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

China, U.K. to discuss Hong Kong

PEKING (R) - China and Britain have agreed to hold talks about elections in Hong Kong starting on April 22 in Peking, the British embassy said Tuesday. The two countries have been at loggerheads for months over plans by Hong Kong Governor Chris Patten for democratic reforms in the colony before it reverts to China in 1997. The Peking talks will be between Sir Robin McLaren, British ambassador to China, and Jiang Enzhu, vice-minister of foreign affairs. Michael Sze, Hong Kong's secretary for constitutional affairs, his deputy Peter Lai and William Ehrman, political adviser to Gov. Patten, will be present at the talks "to provide support to the ambassador," according to a British embassy spokeswoman. She quoted Gov. Patten as saying his bill on democratic reform would not be put to the colony's legislature while the talks were in progress.

IRA rejects ceasefire DUBLIN (R) - The IRA, spurning peace feelers from Britain and Ireland, has ruled out the prospect of a ceasefire in one of the world's longest-running guerrilla conflicts. In an uncomprising message, the Irish Republican Army (IRA) said its "denial of national rights" will continue to be met with armed resistance in Northern Ireland and elsewhere. Monday night's blunt statement came against a backdrop of widespread Anglo-Irisb revulsion over an IRA bombing last month that killed two English children and sparked the launch of a new "people power" peace movement. Britain is trying to restart peace talks which broke down last November and moderate Irish nationalist John Hume

staged secret weekend talks with Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA's political wing.

Indian police break up Kashmir protest SRINAGAR, India (R) — Indian paramilitary police Tuesday broke of a separatist protest march with canes, tear-gas and gunfire in Srinagar, summer capital of India's troubled Jammu and Kashmir state. Some 1,000 Kashmiri Muslims attempted to march in protest against the alleged killings of five people held in detention by Indian security forces, witnesses said. The state government had no immediate comment on the alleged deaths. It usually says in such cases that the dead were either militants killed in clashes with security forces or civilians caught in the crossfire. The marchers alleged that the bodies of four young men delivered by security forces to police headquarters Tuesday morning bad

been picked up during a cordon-and-search operation Monday, then killed in custody.

Astronauts pluck satellite from orbit CAPE CANAVERAL (R) — After a daylong chase, the space shuttle Discovery early Tuesday overtook and retrieved a satellite released by astronauts to study the sun. Astronaut Ellen Ochoa used Discovery's spindly robot arm at 3:19 a.m.EDT (0719 GMT) to reach out and grah the satellite, known by the acronym SPARTAN, and place it back in the ship's cargo bay for a return to Earth Friday. "Houston, we've captured SPARTAN," Mr. Ochoa radioed mission control. SPARTAN spent about 50 hours as a free-flying satellite with two automated telescopes gathering data about the sun and the solar wind streaming from it. On each orbit late Monday, the shuttle gained about 11.5 miles on the satellite. At the most distant separation, the shuttle trailed

SPARTAN by about 200 miles before a series of 10 burns began.

cyanide as they were arrested.

KAL bomber wants to marry SEOUL (R) — A repentant secret agent for Communist North Knrea who hlew up a South Korean passenger jet and killed all 115 nn board says she now wants to marry and lead a normal life, a newspaper reported Tuesday. Kim Hyun-Hni, 31, saved from the hangman's noose by a government pardon, said she wanted to meet a "good person" and start a family, the Dong-A Ilbo quoted her as saying. Ms. Kim, the daughter of a North Korean diplomat, was 26 when she and a 69-year-old partner planted a bomb on a South Korean flight from Abu Dhabi to Bangkok in 1987. The plane blew up near Burma, killing all on board. Captured in Bahrain, Ms. Kim was sentenced to death in South Korea but pardoned three years later on the grounds that she had been brainwashed by the North. Her partner killed himself with

12 dead, 28 missing as ship sinks off Spain

GIJON, Spain (R) — At least 12 people died and 28 others were missing, feared dead, after an Indian cargo ship sank in icy seas off the north coast of Spain, maritime authorities said Tuesday. Helicopters plucked 16 survivors out of the water but one of them later died in hospital. Some of the others were seriously ill, a hospital spokesman said. The 10,092-tonne cargo sbip Vishva Mohini sank 50 nautical miles northwest off the port of Gijon, Monday night, the Spanish Marine Rescue Service said. There were believed to be 55 people on board the ship at the time. 47 crew and eight relatives of the crew members. Four helicopters were immediately sent to the area and four ships are scouring the region for the missing people.